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Bennie
Remember
our good "ole" days in
economics. I hope we
have some classes together
next year - our senior year.
Bennie "Wolfe"

Best Wishes
See you next year

Best of Luck to
a swell baseball player & hope
and more luck in
the future

Art Reppin '51

Dick Kolpil
'51

B. S.

Good luck to a baseball star!

and a football star

and a basketball + track star

Hope you have a nice senior
year with loads of luck.

Kenny "Star" Ryan

my mother 53

taught me not
to swear, but I swear
you the best pal I ever
had

Bucky Gray
'53

lots of luck
to a good kid
take it easy or
the girls and
don't marry
more than one.

Kenny Dug

Lots of Luck
to a big "Star"
Kerry Johnson
'53

Good Luck to
a future football
star. *

Bob Fitzsimmons.

To a fellow student
Council member and
a swell guy, lots of
luck for the future

Evelyn Sollett
'53

Bennie
See you
at Supwits M. H. Goodall
Allen State '53

Is one of the most happy
in school - the best of
luck.

Take good care of my
Pat - She's about the
sweetest I have seen.
Best of luck always
to you and Pat. Be
seeing you next year.
Ruth Burton

Good luck
in your next and last
year, Bernie. Don't forget
S. H. Eng. & Chem.
Mary Janice
"53"

Best of luck
to my old
boy friend
Marley
Guckler

To a star Hi Bernie
How is baseball coming
Ha-Ha, Lots of Luck
To a swell fellow
I hope we win every game
"52"
Good better
watch out
for Jimmy
Kathleen
(if I'm lucky)

Bernie Stromace
"51"

Good luck
Bern, lets go
to town next
year. Doc

Good luck in your
remaining year

Belly Bronenschild
"53"

Best of luck to
you in the future.
Hope you and Pat
have a lot of fun
in the future.
Remember our chemistry
class.

Louise Helbert

To the guy named Bernie
Who is always fighting with
my best girl friend
Good luck friend
Juniors' Home
(53)?

Best of luck to
Bernie for the coming
year. Dick Lewis

Best of luck to you and Pat I do
to Bernie all the best I have.
See you all have a nice fair.
We made a cute summer!
Be good this summer!
Dorothy Bruck

Lots of luck, Bernie!
You're a swell guy.
Remember all the odds
we spent in economics
and chemistry. I was
about to think that we'd
never get out of them
but I guess we finally
made it. Just think
next year will be
seniors. More fun!
Be good to Pat.
Harry Novak

Here's to a really swell guy
I'll always remember. Oh,
yes, and a good-looking one,
too. Be good & stay as you are.

Bonnie Luck,
Bey Johnson

Dearest Bernie,
Best of luck
in the years to come,
Probably won't need
it.
Jack Cummings Esq.
Inc. 5307 so

To a Best of everything
and a swell fellow.
Take care of Pat, only
I guess I wouldn't have
had to say that because
I know you will.
Yours S., Wall

Dearest Bernie,

I going to show
you that I can be as
naughty as you. I hope
you have an awful
time this summer and
break a few bones for
good measure. Now aren't
you sorry for insulting
me all the time? Susie

Good Luck Bernie;
next year I'll come
up and watch you
guys win every trophy
in basketball and football.
I'm betting that ^{the}
varsity football team
wind every game
Don't let me down.

Curt Van Etten

ATODNEM

OF 1950

Bernie! /
I hope you have a
sweet handle of your
hops! I hope to see
a lot of you next year
in these battles of P.T.H.S.
Bob! Luck is on your side.
and student council.
Take care of Bob!

Lots of luck, Bernie!
Don't forget from me
I send paper & everything
else this year - See
you as a big wheel senior
next year. Charlotte Jackson
"51"

Good Luck
Remember those
gay times in
5th Per Study H.
Be Good.
Joyce Shannon
"50"

Bernie -
I hear you
are lucky and get
to go to camp this
summer, how fun those papers
are to go to camp this year!
Always remember those papers
and old days in this paper
English class. Be seeing you
next year and good luck!
Sister "51" French

Published by the
Seniors of the

MENDOTA HIGH SCHOOL

Mendota, Illinois

at MHS, STUDENTS

Choose to Learn

in view of the crossroad to come,

SCHOOL BOARD

OFFICE

CLASSES

FACULTY

BUILDING TRADES

D. O.

STAFF

Learn to Choose

as the crossroad draws near,

BROADCASTING COUNCIL

FOOTBALL

FESTIVALS

STUDENT COUNCIL

GAA

DEBATE and NFL

BASKETBALL

CHORUS

TRACK

Hi Bernie
Won't you miss my ^{cute} shining
face across from you
next year? I'll miss yours,
(Ho Ho)

I wish you luck at Boys
state but you have to be
good, or they'll kick you
out!

Shirley Radtke

Best to a victim
luck to a fellow victim
of the first no mind
of the day. Jeanne Reid

Don Baird
1952

THE ROAD NOT TAKEN*

Two roads diverged in a yellow wood,
And, sorry I could not travel both
And be one traveler, long I stood
And looked down one as far as I could
To where it bent in the undergrowth;

Then took the other, as just as fair,
And having perhaps the better claim
Because it was grassy and wanted wear;
Though as for that, the passing there
Had worn them really about the same,

And both that morning equally lay
In leaves no step had trodden black.
Oh, I marked the first for another day!
Yet, knowing how way leads on to way,
I doubted if I should ever come back.

I shall be telling this with a sigh
Somewhere ages and ages hence:
Two roads diverged in a wood, and I—
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference.

and, as Seniors of 1950,

choose their road of the future

SENIOR HISTORY

SENIORS

FHA

FFA and VO-AG

SPEECH

ATODNEM

HI-LIGHT

SENIOR PLAY

BAND

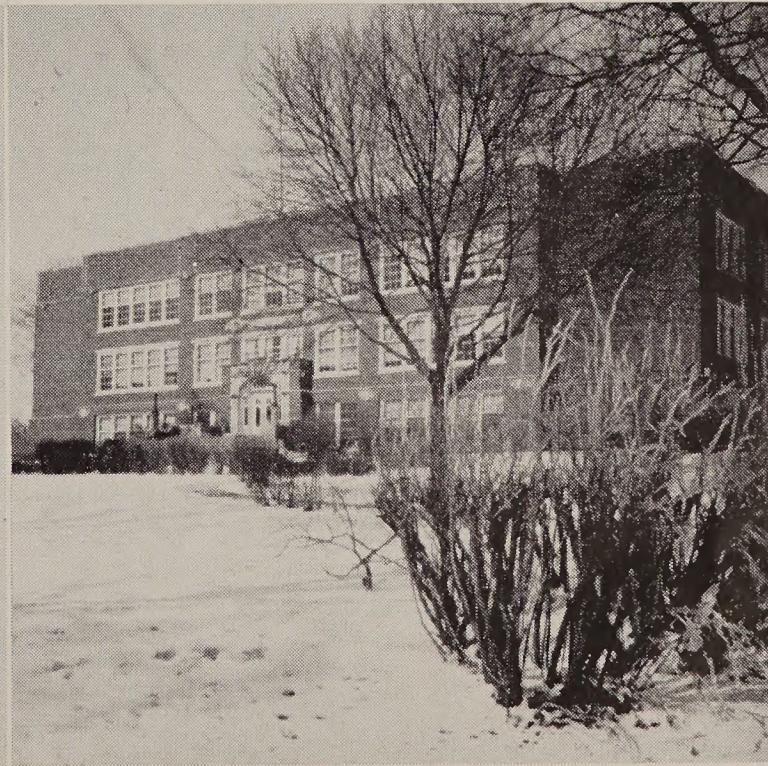
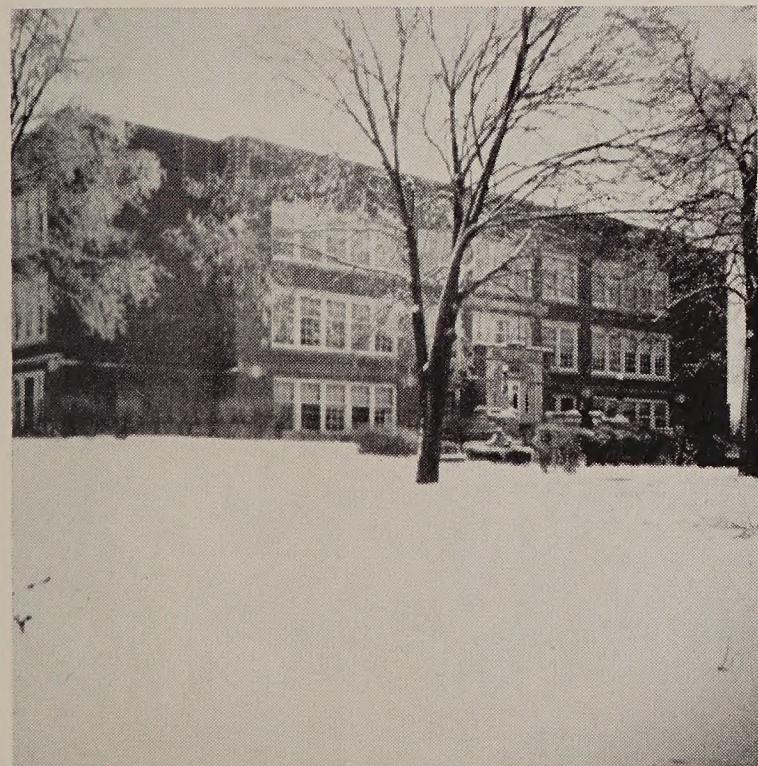
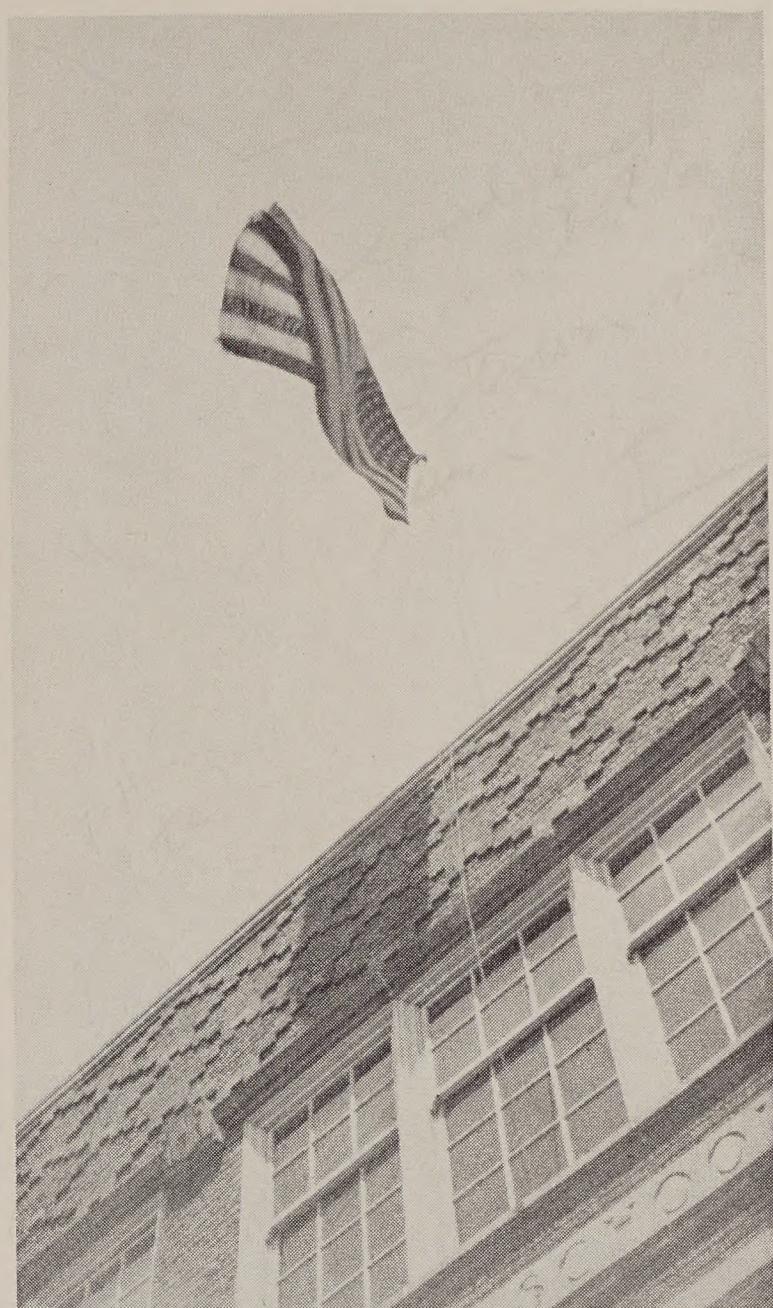
Best of luck, Dennis, the future
Always remember the past,
Take good care of it,
Do only what follows
Democracy is the only going to
It's been through going this road
Have fun and be good
Bill Abbing 50



MHS

becomes very familiar to her
many students during their four years here.

Our school tries to provide the training
necessary to our futures. In her classrooms
and laboratories, bookwork and practical experience
are interwoven to give maximum results.





Deserving of honor

and praise

Dispensers of the Hersheys and the Nestles. Elsie and Marvin were familiar to all MHS'ers with a sweet tooth.



"Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man".—Bacon



"This way, please." The ushers helped avoid confusion in the crowded gymnasium.

They weren't always smiling! And you couldn't blame them when magazine covers were torn off and books misplaced. Their help was appreciated by the teachers.



REGULAR NOON CANDY SALESMEN
E. Bunnell, M. Ehlers

MONDAY NIGHT ENGLISH IV CLASS
Standing: B. Ebbinghaus, J. King, Miss Payne
Seated: J. Finley, N. Blotch, E. Bunnell, C. Hoffman, M. Ehlers
Not Pictured: B. Rave

USHERS FOR BASKETBALL GAMES
Back: B. Phalen, D. Nelson, N. Hoover
Front: B. Shoemaker, L. Svendsen, M. Emerick

STUDENT LIBRARIANS
Standing: S. Schmitt, M. Spanier, D. Bumba, S. Gorman
Seated: M. Brewbaker, B. Ough

Our BOARD gives a helping hand

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HE BOARD of Education, which decides all school policies, consists of seven very capable men. It is led by Harold F. Dean, president, with B. Harry Reck as secretary. The other members are Alvin Truckenbrod, Lawrence Watson, James Dubbs, Samuel G. Beetz and George L. Koerper.

Some evidences of the board's efforts in our behalf are our capably managed school, competent faculty, attractive campus, and fleet of five buses. They have expanded the curriculum to afford many more choices and chances for individual development.

Enough credit never has been nor ever will be given to these men for their work, but we, as seniors, wish to express our deepest and most sincere thanks to them in guiding us through our four years of high school.



STANDING: S. Beetz, L. Watson, G. Koerper, J. Dubbs. SITTING: A. Truckenbrod, H. Dean, B. Reck

Students at MHS

To the fastest man on the team.
What team? ? ? ?

Be good next year and to
that cute girl of yours.

"Fireball"

CHOOSE TO LEARN

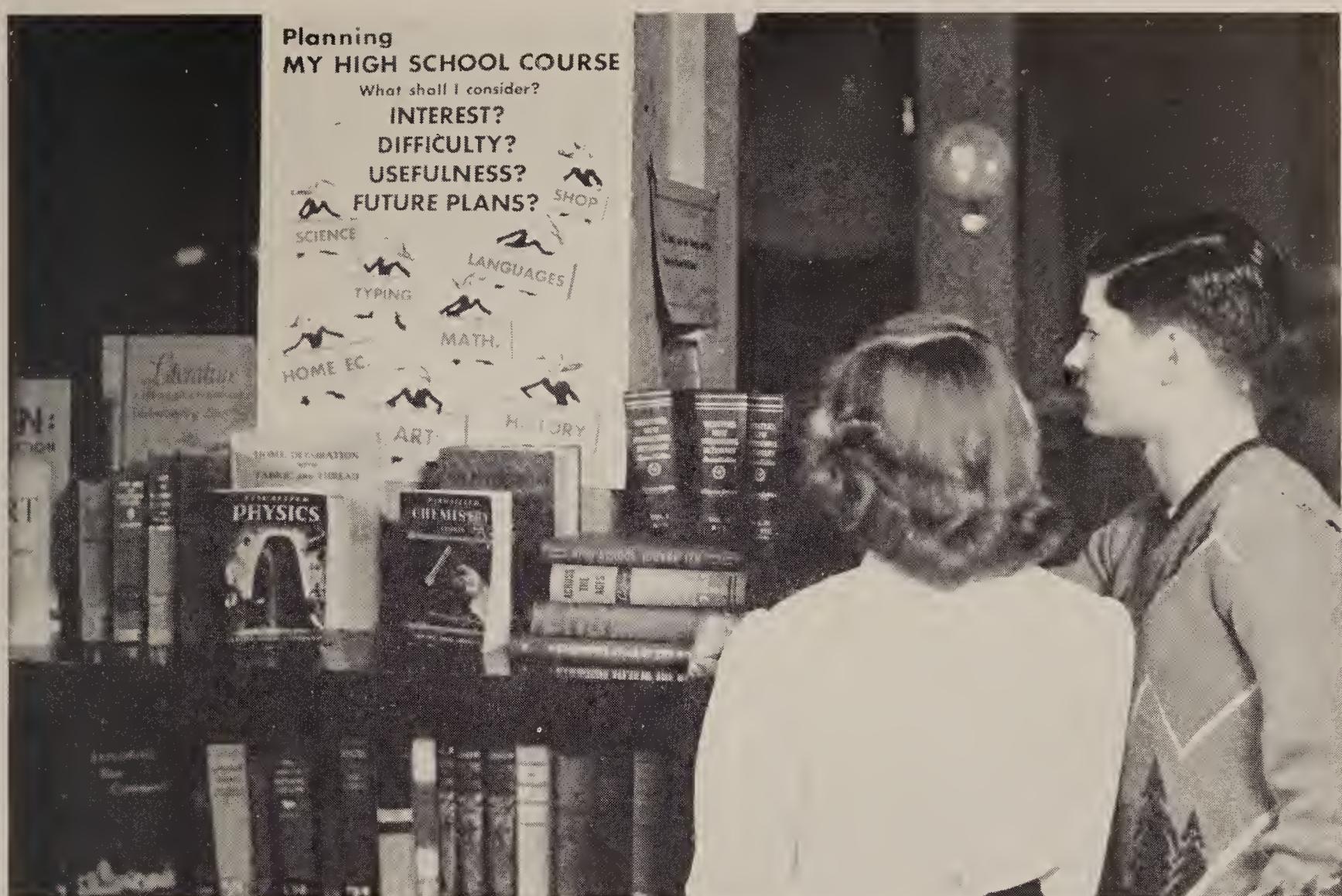
In View of the Crossroad to Come



Good luck, Bernie! I'll really miss you taking my
chemistry, but best of everything
~~anyway~~.
Janis

The new year will
be good for yours.
"Fireball"

O LEARN



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ECISIONS of the past have made you what you are today the choices of today will determine what you will be in the future important among these decisions is choosing to learn throughout your life you will be required to know all sorts of things things that you—through wise selection of courses in high school—will have already learned for this reason, you must select your subjects wisely with your future always in mind what is a wise choice? it will not be the same for all what's best for someone else may be all wrong for you you will be helped by the guidance programs you may have council from the Dean of Men or Women maybe Mom or Dad will help you however you determine your course, make sure it is the right one for you then enter it with the thought of getting the most from it prepare yourself for tomorrow choose to learn.

STUDENTS at MHS

just everyday guys



Sweet queen of corn



What do you think of overtime parking?



I know a new joke



Another Joe DiMaggio



Hey, wait up,
Bill



Bob and Charley
(Jones, that is)



Coming or going?

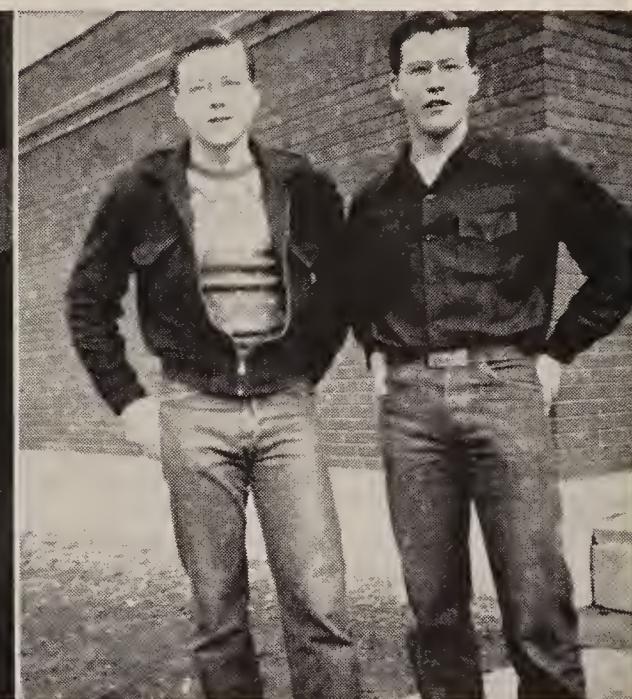
and gals. Are you one of them?



So what?



Ever-lovin' ladies



Dungaree duo



**Young America bravely faces
the future**



Pin-up girls



Mmm . . . nice



M. E. STEELE
Principal

OUR senior year of high school was to us one of the most important in our life. We owe much of this success to the teachers who have helped us. Even though this year may be "just another year" to them, they have never let us feel that way. In every way they have helped to their utmost, working with us as if this year, too, was their most important. It seemed almost impossible for the faculty to find enough time for teaching and participating in their extra-curricular duties. With the combined efforts of the faculty, a successful plan of procedure was made even before we, the students, had finished lolling under the sun.

Our principal, Mr. Steele, was an important factor in making school activities this year run smoothly. For the past 23 years, Mr. Steele has successfully handled the affairs of the Mendota schools. Known far and wide as a progressive and efficient administrator he is largely responsible for the high reputation which our school holds among the schools of the state. Working

OFFICE

*Expert
helps us choose*

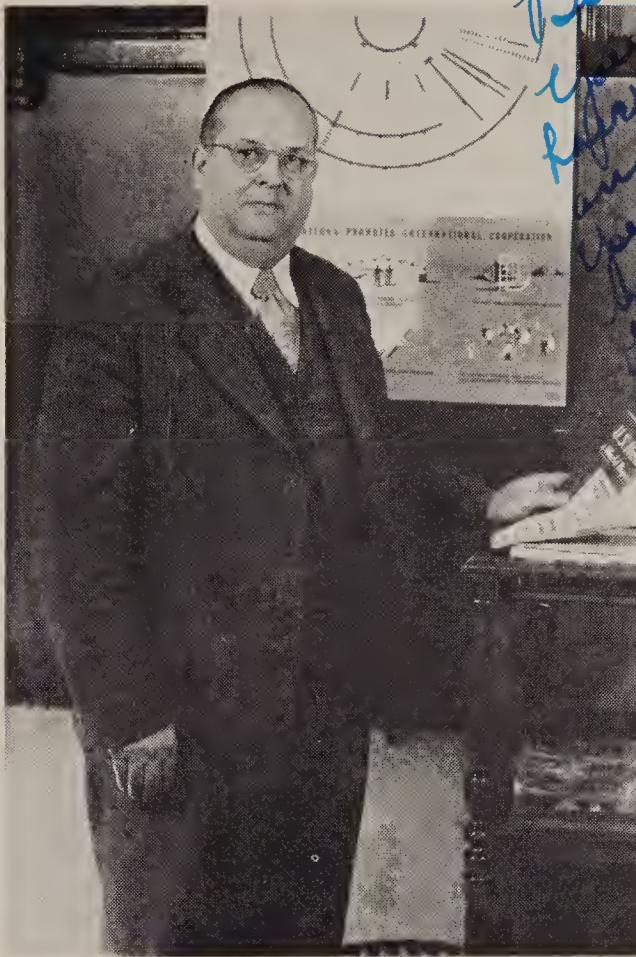
with the Board, he has been instrumental in developing and extending the curriculum to meet the needs of all students. Most recent examples of this are the diversified occupations course and the building trades project.

Mr. Mauntel, dean of boys and assistant principal, and Miss Payne, dean of girls, were kept very busy in their administrative and counseling positions. Mr. Mauntel was on call at all times as his students soon realized, for it seemed someone was always interrupting in the middle of class to ask for information, help, or advice. To him fell the unenviable task of supervising the eighth hour detention period. Along with his duties in administration and guidance, Mr. Mauntel had two study halls and taught classes in United States history and economics. As advisor to the seniors he kept a watchful eye on their activities and aided them in solving their problems.

Miss Payne had charge of checking attendance each day, and all absentee and tardy excuses had to pass her critical exam-

PERSONNEL

*counseling
to learn*



HARRY W. MAUNTEL
Assistant Principal
Dean of Boys



HAZEL PAYNE
Dean of Girls

ination. She administered the testing program given the freshmen and the vocational guidance given all juniors and seniors. Guidance tests and a vocational unit taught as an integral part of the English III classes, formed the basis for the individual conferences which Miss Payne held with each student. As advisor to the Student

Bennie boy's been two days to the school certainly been a good and been a great deal. I now been through the annual trip before. You few months responsible for my best future son. Sincerely, Hazel Payne

Council, Miss Payne supervised the many all-school activities the Council sponsored. These large scale functions took innumerable hours of planning and preparation. Three classes in English III rounded out her day at school. In addition Miss Payne voluntarily organized an evening class in English IV the second semester.



Laura Theurer, Thelma Hutchinson

OFFICE SECRETARIES

Just as every business has to have secretaries to keep things running smoothly, so does MHS. In their work they, Miss Theurer and Mrs. Hutchinson, were never too busy to stop and help some student whose problems were too big for him. Any time a bandaid or aspirin was needed by one of the students, they could depend upon the "office girls" to help them.

Our newest



travelers — the FRESHMEN —

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OU ARRIVE at MHS a little frightened — but soon you discover that others are not sure of themselves, either you gradually select a group of friends from all the strange faces you watch for the first appearance of your name in the Hi-Light you earn the title, "Giggling Girls," that is passed from class to class you get slicked up for your first high school dance you go all out for the magazine drive — and, as usual, you excel in it you play basketball or go to the games and cheer like mad you begin to wonder if there ever will be a freshman party you struggle through factoring and "hic, haec, hoc" you have your chance to be humble as you suffer through GAA initiation you learn the little things that make you belong you buy your lunch at the cafeteria because it's something different you decorate the gym for the all-school party you bring new pep and spirit into MHS because — you are the freshmen of 1950.

HOMEROOMS

BACK ROW: M. Ehlers, J. Brown, R. Anderson, W. Costle, B. Boykin, B. Cudoback, B. Austin, D. Bumbo
3rd ROW: L. Eichorn, H. Brunner, B. Bromenschenkel, R. Eudoch, B. Durhom, E. Fober, J. Cummings, Miss Pottinger
2nd. ROW: B. Campbell, L. Dewey, P. Corcoron, M. Bruckner, S. Dovis, D. Amfohr
SEATED: M. Cork, B. Crondall, B. Bialos, H. Bunton, D. Beets, W. Brown, M. Ebbinghous

BACK ROW: R. Geil, J. Hochstatter, B. Fitzsimmons, A. Frey, M. Honson, R. Gorrrity, B. Gehler
3rd. ROW: M. Horvey, J. Kessinger, R. Gillette, H. Johnson, B. Joerger, E. Henry, M. Kidd, Mr. Lewis
2nd. ROW: P. Heininger, S. Hoadley, B. Geil, J. Kidd, R. Horris, B. Gordner
SEATED: J. Gray, D. Jordon, G. Funfsinn, E. Herbert, M. Glosner, K. Jouch, S. Kilburn

BACK ROW: J. Rooth, E. Nonce, C. Rohr, H. Souer, E. Peasley, K. Ryon, E. Miller
3rd. ROW: R. Montavon, J. Lambert, H. Shed, D. Mortin, N. Lucas, A. McManus, L. Roach, Mr. Morris
2nd. ROW: D. Lewis, E. Solomone, D. McConville, D. Klein, J. Rove, G. Olson, J. Longbein, G. Politisch, D. Rod
SEATED: D. McConville, D. McLoughlin, M. Schwemlein, P. Roth, M. Sheridan, C. Looch, V. Novok

BACK ROW: J. Sloter, S. Spenoder, J. Vogelsong, D. Von Etten, J. Wixom, J. Wilhelm, D. Word
3rd. ROW: J. Wood, G. Schmidt, D. Woller, D. Sterchi, C. Sondgeroth, L. Shetter, J. Sibigroth, Miss Brown
2nd. ROW: J. Zimmerman, N. Steele, R. Younglove, L. Van Dorn, A. Spenoder, J. Sonntag, C. Smith
SEATED: K. Weiss, W. Wood, B. Zimmerlein, B. Stuber, M. Wolter, A. Truckenbrod, V. Smith



FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

E. Peasley, Vice-Pres.; B. Gehler, Pres.; M. Bruckner, Sec.-Treas.

On the road, SOPHOMORES pass

HIS YEAR you are a little more poised and confident you wonder if you were ever as nervous and silly as the freshmen you fight with Caesar's legions in Gaul you divide your time between diagrams in English and parallelograms in geometry you learn to drive the driver's training car you discover that teachers are here to guide and help you, not scare you you have your own teams this year, the Jay Tees you pick and choose and argue and compare and finally select your class rings you start having more dates you enter the Kitch without that self-conscious feeling you used to have you come to be known as distinct personalities by the other classes you try out for the all-school play and speech contests you learn to dance during the noon hour or from your older sister or brother you serve at the prom banquet and long for next year when you can go too you are betwixt and between because — you are the sophomores of 1950.



HOMEROOMS

BACK ROW: N. Anderson, N. Corr, D. Baird, J. Eichorn, B. Dewey, D. Biers, N. Pholen, Mrs. Doenier
SECOND ROW: M. Fayan, D. Donekas, L. Dunn, C. Bossing, R. Childers, G. Eich
SEATED: E. Bumbo, R. Auchstetter, T. Auchstetter, C. Cotton, E. Boird, M. Biers, J. Dougherty

BACK ROW: R. Klinefelter, D. Kuehl, J. Gehler, R. Gibson, J. Klein, D. Jones
THIRD ROW: Mr. Doenier, D. Hoelzer, L. Kinney, N. Inmon, D. McCollum, P. Lombert, E. Jewel, C. Joerger
SECOND ROW: B. Mathesius, D. Korl, J. Keefe, R. Leiser, R. Hosto, V. Heinzeroth
SEATED: D. Goubeaux, C. Monn, M. Lorabee, C. Hoover, C. Graper, M. Morris, P. Kessler

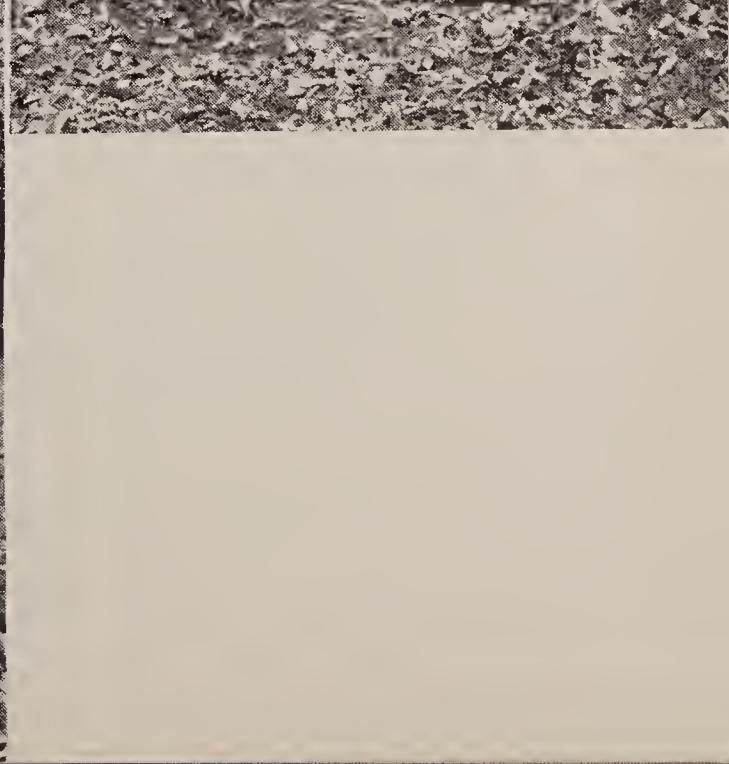
BACK ROW: D. McNally, S. Morton, D. Olson, K. Ough, K. Nowlin, D. Preston, M. Rempfer, V. Meyer, B. Pohl, Mr. Pourchot
SECOND ROW: W. Prescott, K. McLaughlin, W. Meyer, C. Rich, W. Norwick, B. Ough, P. Pholen, J. Pierce
SEATED: D. Ohlinger, P. Meoley, J. Pohl, D. Rider, D. Morsch, P. McLaughlin, H. Oberholz

BACK ROW: V. Young, E. Schweiger, A. Steele, B. Sibigroth, H. Schmidt, J. Tower, Miss Brown
THIRD ROW: J. Woods, L. Thompson, E. Wood, O. Spender, E. Sollitt, B. Schwingle
SECOND ROW: A. Williams, L. Schlesinger, N. Worsley, J. Robinson, S. Scherger, J. Rooth
SEATED: P. Wood, M. Truckenbrod, J. Woller, J. Truckenbrod, J. McLaughlin, B. Spangler, S. Scott

SOPHOMORE CLASS OFFICERS

J. Rooth, Vice-Pres.; P. Pholen, Pres.; L. Schlesinger, Sec.-Treas.

a milestone



Major tasks



of play and prom face JUNIORS

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T LAST you have reached a goal now you can be a wheel instead of just another cog you've looked forward to being an upper-classman — but it doesn't feel much different from being a lower classman you work for the broadcasting council you get to play on the varsity teams you learn to type and make chlorine you reach back into the dim dark past to write your autobiography you study vocations and try to pick out the right one for yourself you play hockey, you sing, you are offered D.O. . . . you act out Emily and George of "Our Town" you work hard, and present a wonderful play, "Seventeenth Summer" you believe that the success of your prom depends on attendance and participation by all juniors and seniors to that end, you practice dancing and the social graces you prove yourselves the perfect hosts you prepare for your place of leadership next year because — you are the juniors of 1950.

HOMEROOMS

BACK ROW: L. Edwards, J. Budoch, M. Bankes, G. Ehlers, J. Cogdol, J. Auchstetter, L. Buettner, Miss Poyné
SECOND ROW: B. Durand, D. Biolos, R. Childers, J. Dougherty, D. Abbott, D. Bornickle, N. Bouer
SEATED: A. Crone, C. Bryson, N. Cotton, V. Drees, M. Brewbaker, M. Dolton, J. Brunner, R. Bunton

BACK ROW: D. Kofoed, D. Kofoid, J. Herbert, G. Johnson, N. Hoover, R. Koerper, G. Hochstatter, Mr. Norton
SECOND ROW: F. Ethridge, W. Krotz, J. Hormon, R. Elsesser, M. Jackson, G. Foote, J. Holbmoier
SEATED: C. Jackson, M. Greenwood, N. Koufmann, M. Emerick, J. Klein, B. Holl, F. Grothen, M. Gorman

BACK ROW: Mrs. Elsesser, J. McCormick, A. Rod, B. McIntyre, D. Nelson, D. Mosher, B. Patrick
SECOND ROW: D. Newell, L. Lou, A. Richard, A. Reppin, R. Parsons, K. Morehouse, H. Pholen
SEATED: B. Preston, R. Munson, J. Olsen, P. Morehouse, G. Novak, C. Roehm, S. Rodtke, J. Reid

BACK ROW: Mr. Rollins, B. Pholen, K. Stremiou, B. Schmidt, B. Stremiou, D. Taylor, E. Zinke
THIRD ROW: J. Sonntag, P. Smith, J. Schmidt, D. Simpson, S. Yost, M. Salomone, J. Shonnon
SECOND ROW: B. Smoll, M. Spanier, L. Truckenbrod, B. Wilhelm, D. Schlesinger, A. Widmer
SEATED: N. Wolfe, M. Wolfe, S. Schmitt, S. Windham, C. Truckenbrod, T. Word, M. Zolper



JUNIOR CLASS OFFICERS

H. Pholen, Pres.; R. Elsesser, Sec.-Treas.; R. Childers, Vice-Pres.

*Five bells brings our **FACULTY***



EARNEST SCHLICK



ROSS HARRINGTON

ALICE POTTINGER

GUIDING STARS of MHS the past year, as always, were the faculty. Mendota's music department continued to grow and expand during the past year. Mr. Harrington, grade school music teacher and chorus director of MHS, substituted as band director after Mr. Pierce's resignation and until the arrival of Mr. Schlick after Christmas. Mr. Schlick assumed the duties of directing the band, teaching third-hour chorus, and preparing the band for contest work.

✓ ✓ MISS POPE, school nurse, was always ready and willing to help any of the students who just couldn't stand the wear and tear of the vigorous school life. Under her guidance the junior and senior girls learned the fundamentals of hygiene. Mrs. Brent could be found almost any night after school working with the GAA. During the afternoon she was kept busy at high school with girls' physical education classes. Examples of the excellent work done in Mr. Wedemeyer's art classes were frequently exhibited in the library. They showed clearly that his students not only understood the principles of art, but had developed a high degree of skill in applying them.

MARYLAND POPE



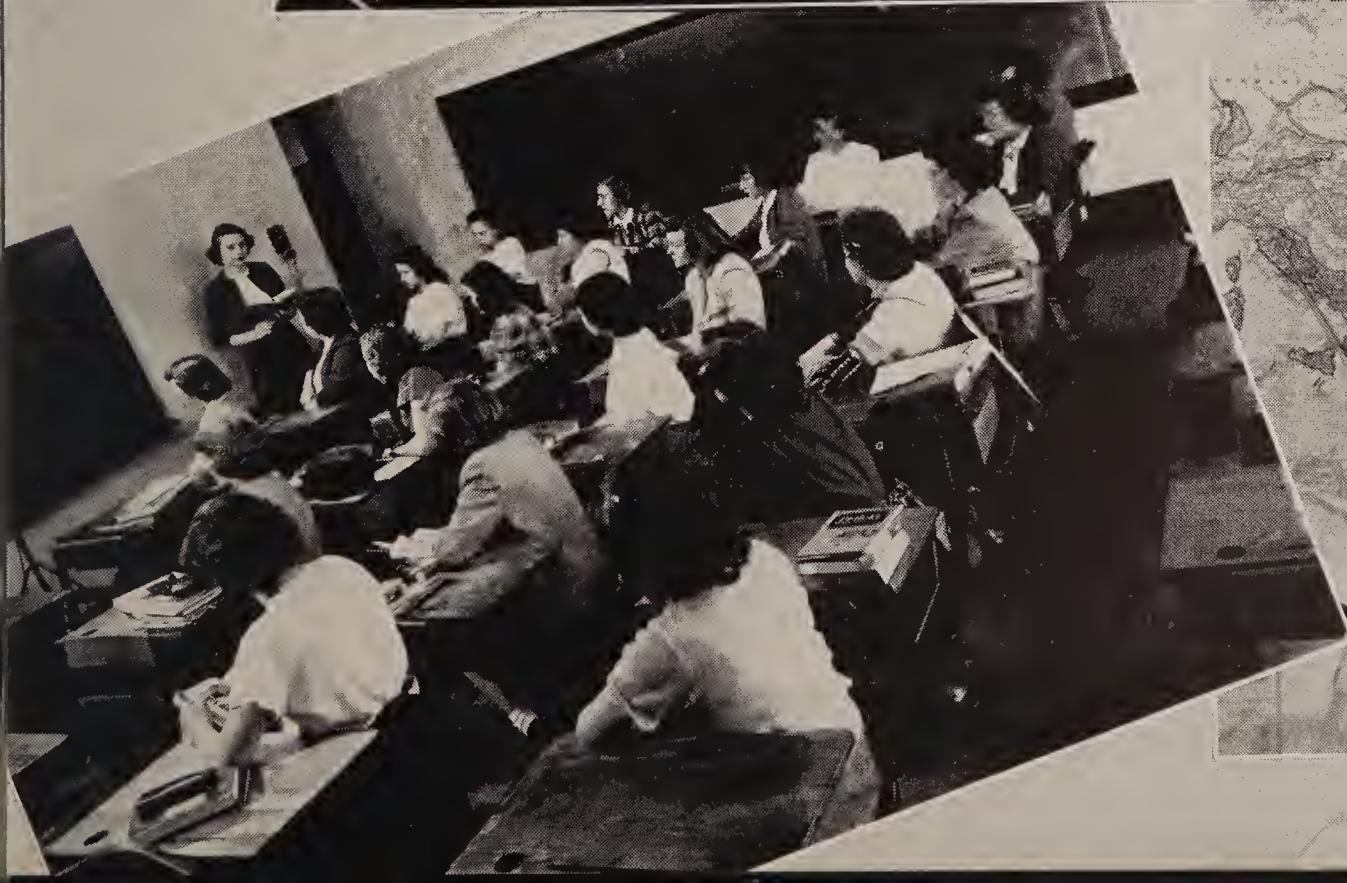
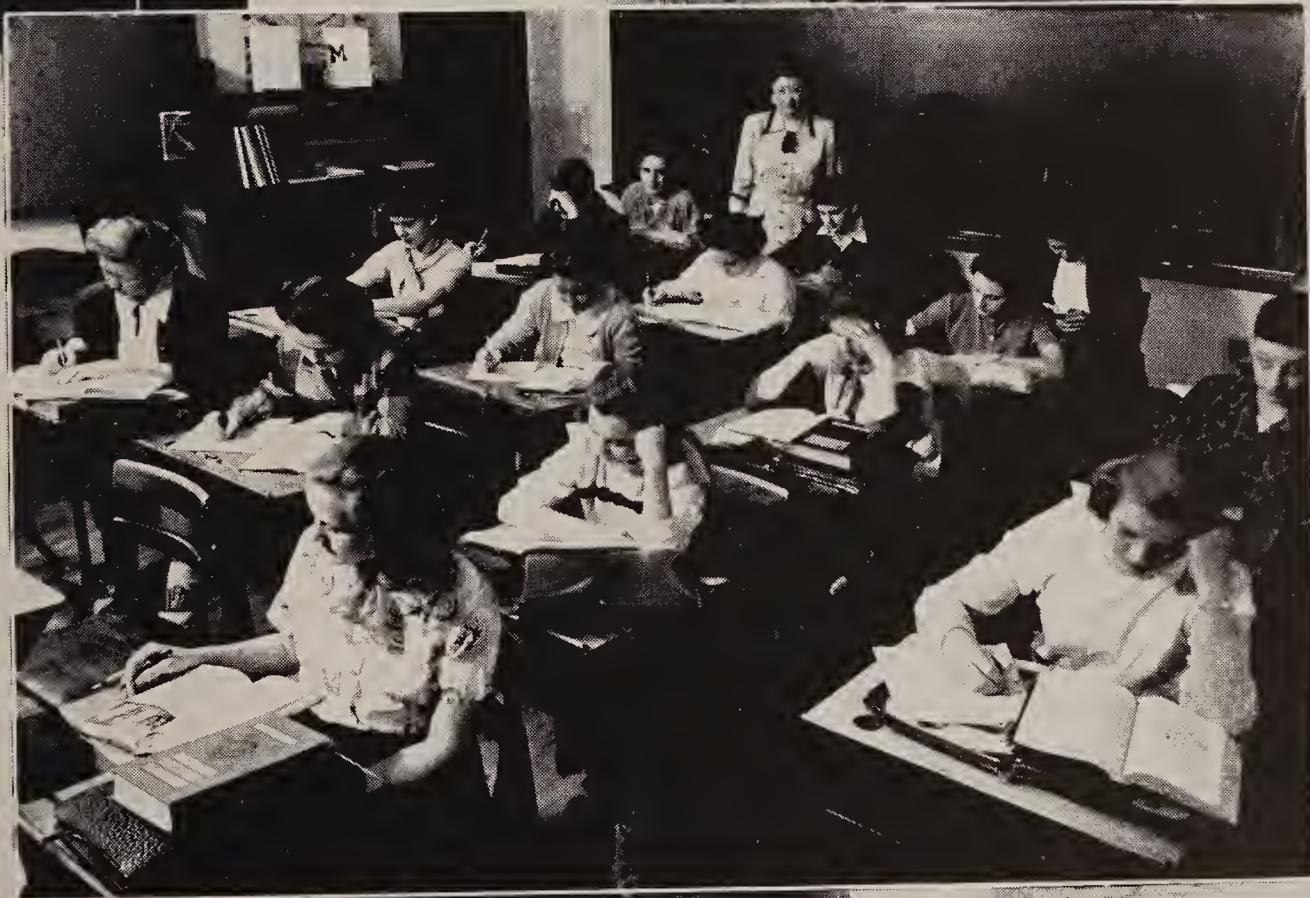
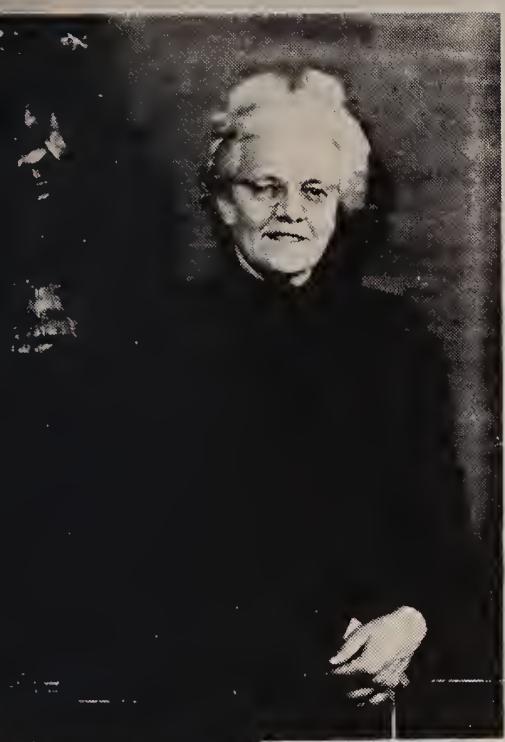
VICTOR WEDEMEYER



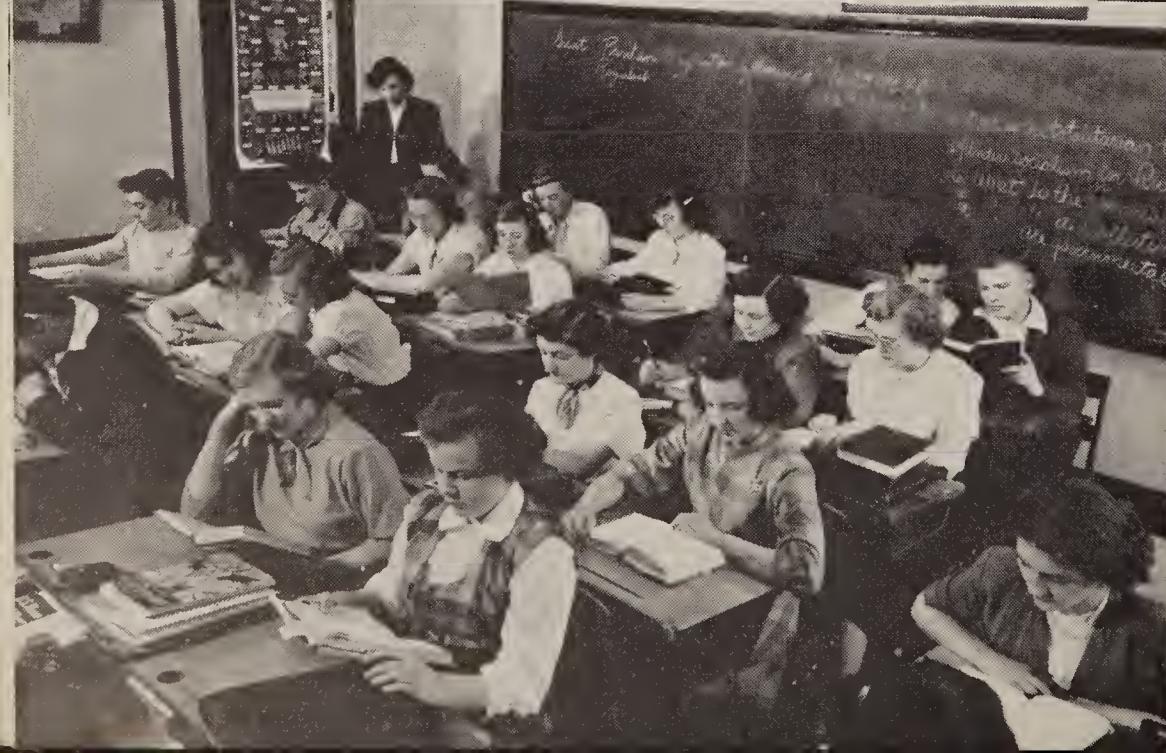
MARY BRENT



EULALIA BREESE



Confidence in self gained



through social and language arts



NANCY BROWN



LEONARD POURCHOT



RUTH DOENIER

✓ ✓ LARGEST of the departments in school is the English, foreign language, and speech. Speech and grammar are necessary to everyone, no matter which field of life he enters after graduation. The pictures showing an English I class (Miss Pottinger), an English III class (Miss Payne), and a Latin I class (Miss Breese) are typical. As her picture shows, Miss Pottinger kept her classroom cheerful and fragrant with flowers. Besides teaching English I, she taught practical mathematics and commercial arithmetic. She will, perhaps, be best remembered by the freshmen as she acted as one of their advisors. Miss Breese taught English I and III, Latin I and II, and was an advisor for the senior class and the Atodnem—enough said.

Because of the importance of speech and English, courses in these subjects are offered all four years. They help the students to overcome the faults in their speech and grammar. A good example of a speech class in session is the dramatics class (Mr. Pourchot), pictured at left.

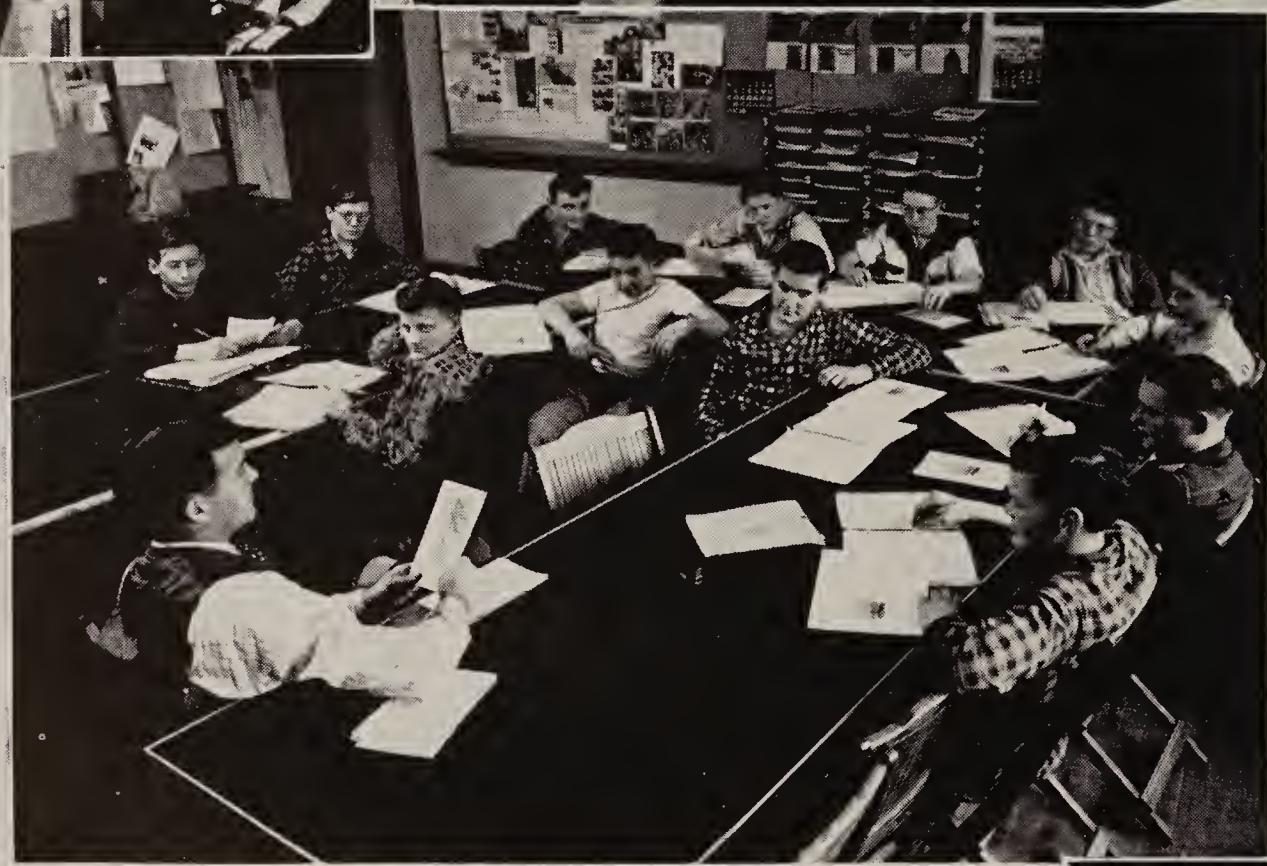
Sophomore English was taught by Mr. Pourchot and Mrs. Doenier. Part of the year's work was set aside for teaching the fundamentals of speech. Mr. Pourchot taught dramatics and speech. He also was the debate coach and directed all school plays. Mrs. Doenier had classes in journalism and advanced speech. She was head librarian and the indispensable advisor of the school paper, the Hi-Light. Both guided the sophomores in the problems which confronted that class, by acting as their advisors. With their help, the sophomores chose their class ring.

✓ ✓ STUDIES in social science went hand in hand with the English, foreign language, and speech department. The social sciences gave students a better understanding of the problems in the world in which they live. At left are pictured an economics class (Mr. Mauntel) and a social science class (Miss Nancy Brown).

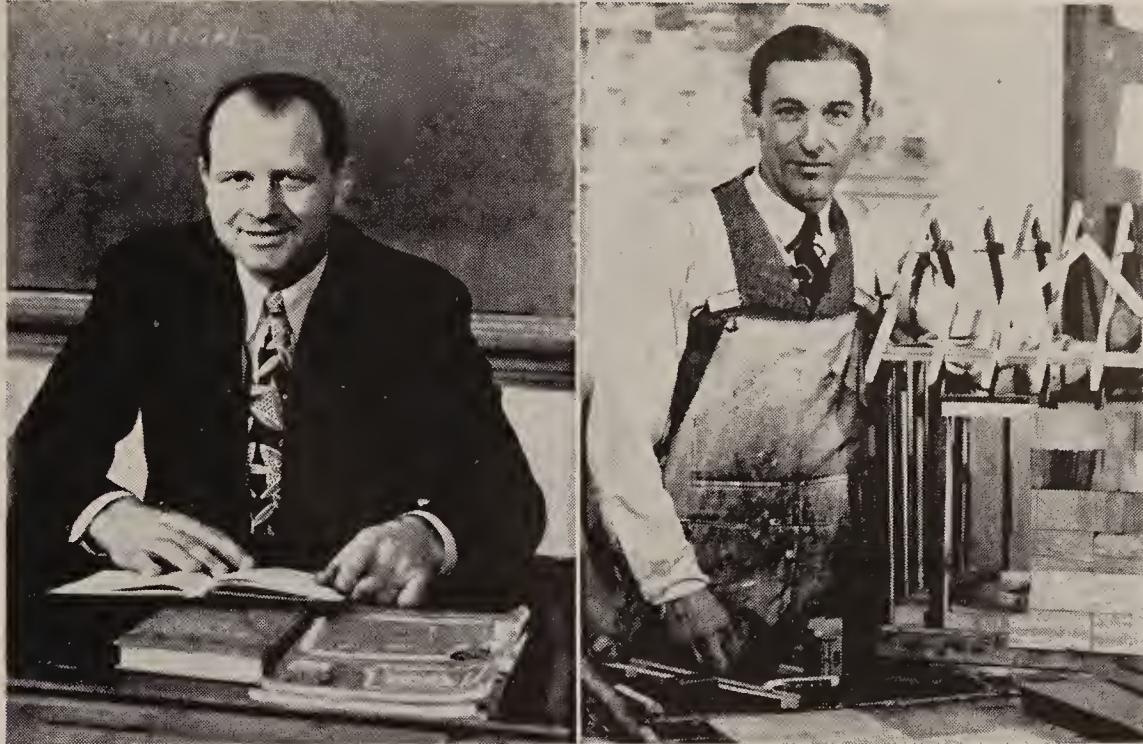
Miss Nancy Brown, besides social science, taught English I. She shared the seniors with Mr. Mauntel by teaching United States history. She was initiated into school life, so to speak, when she advised the freshmen in decorating the gymnasium for the all-school party. In case you haven't guessed, she was a freshman advisor.

✓ ✓ COMMERCIAL subjects gave the future secretaries a background for their work. They learned shorthand, typing, and the art of bookkeeping in this field. The office practice class (Miss Mabel Brown and Miss Swanson) is a good example.

Miss Mabel Brown and Miss Swanson were the typing instructors. Near the end of the school year, the typing room was usually open every night after school, and fairly crowded with students trying to get their thirty-five words. Miss Brown taught shorthand, handled the money affairs of MHS as school treasurer, and was a sophomore class advisor. Miss Swanson's class duties revolved around office practice, bookkeeping, and business training. She was a senior and Atodnem advisor. Much of her time was spent in "making the ends meet" in the senior class treasury.



*We learn
by doing . . .*



MABEL BROWN

JOSEPH ROLLINS

GILBERT GEHLER

✓ ✓ WORK in the fields of home economics and agriculture was opened for many students of MHS. A home economics class (Mrs. Elsesser) is shown in the newly decorated kitchen making practical application of the things they have learned, while an ag class (Mr. Morris) is shown receiving first-hand information from the man who knows.

After several years as a housewife, Mrs. Elsesser returned to her previous position as home economics teacher. Her outside activities included being both a junior and the FHA advisor. The delicious cafeteria meals were the result of her planning. Mr. Morris spent much of his time advising the FFA. Under his direction many projects, both recreational and educational, were undertaken. Along with teaching agriculture, he was a freshman advisor.

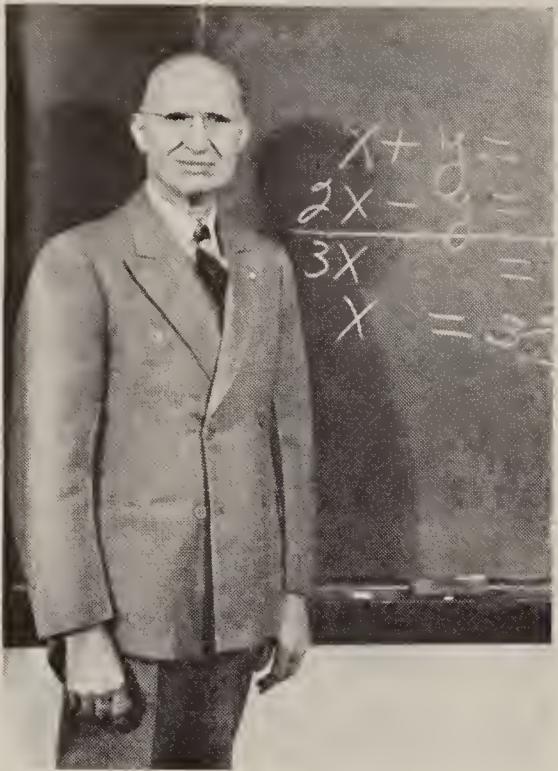
✓ ✓ MANUAL ARTS give boys a chance to develop their talents in the line of skilled trades. A new course in building trades was introduced this year to give the junior and senior boys a chance to learn carpentry on the job.

Mr. Rollins and Mr. Gehler head this department. Mr. Rollins is in charge of the diversified occupations course. Under his supervision many students received their drivers' license through the drivers' training course. He also acted as a junior advisor with much of his time spent in the preparation of the prom. The task of setting up the scenery for class plays fell upon the manual training classes under the direction of Mr. Gehler. Under his guidance, a winning Trojette basketball team was developed.

VERNA MAE ELSESSER FRED MORRIS HIRREL SWANSON



*and practice
what they preach*



SAMUEL LeMARR

✓ ✓ COURSES in science and mathematics gave the students the ability to think and reason clearly. The wonders of the universe were opened before their eyes and they soon learned there was more to arithmetic than adding one plus one and more to science than cutting up insects. At right are pictured classes in algebra (Mr. LeMarr), biology (Mr. Doenier), and physics (Mr. Norton).

Mr. LeMarr taught algebra I and plane geometry. When the seniors needed advice, it was his job to help straighten them out by acting as their advisor. He could usually be found after school in the gymnasium checking the athletic equipment. Whenever movies were shown to the student body, Mr. Norton could be found behind the projector. He taught chemistry and physics. The technical division of the broadcasting system was under his guidance. He was also a junior class advisor.

Mr. Doenier taught biology and Mr. Lewis taught general science. However, science classes were not the only duties of Coaches Doenier and Lewis. They are well-known in the community as a result of their duties on the football field, basketball floor, and the cinder track. They also were in charge of the boys' physical education classes. To round out their duties at MHS, Mr. Doenier was a sophomore advisor and Mr. Lewis a freshman advisor.

✓ ✓ AFTER a full day of teaching, plus all of their extra-curricular activities, the faculty still found pep and vitality enough left to enter into the swing of school life. For instance, they showed unsuspected dramatic talents when they gave a skit for a pep session the day of the Princeton basketball game. The male members of the faculty also tried their hand at playing basketball. Although losing the annual game with the "Old-timers" and having more aches and pains than points, they agreed it was worth the fun had.

The faculty of MHS has given each and every student guidance and help of some sort during the year. It may have been in extra-curricular activities or in the classroom, but they have always been behind the student body and helped them to be better citizens after they have passed the crossroads.

REEVE NORTON

LLOYD DOENIER

TED LEWIS



Sciences and math lead to clearer thinking . . .



*House project no. 1 — proudly
we watch it grow step by step*





THIRD ROW: H. Schwemlein, Madata Appliance; J. Truckenbrad, Reeser's Implement; D. Kuehl, Beitsch's Greenhouse; W. Munson, Carpentry School Project; J. Halbmaier, Schmitz Implement; D. Taylor, Carpentry School Project

SECOND ROW: J. Fitzgerald, Bowl-Air & Airport; J. Rad, Stephenitch's Implement; B. Raach, R. C. Service; B. Durand, Purity Ice Cream Company; K. Nowlin, Madata Food Market; L. McCallum, Barr's Shoe Store; B. McIntyre, Carpentry School Project

FIRST ROW: M. Jauch, Widmer's Garage; D. Marcum, Faster's Upholstery; Mr. Rollins, Instructor; L. Wixom, Harris Hospital; D. Warsley, Seig-La Salle Company; D. Gardan, Miller-Jones Shoe Store; H. Phalen, Carpentry School Project

NOT PICTURED: L. Gray, Castella's Creamery; D. Fitzsimmons, Canco Engineering Company; P. Smith, Kaiser Bros. Implement; M. Wagner, Harris Hospital

*G*HIS is the third year for the D. O. program at Mendota High School. Since its inception three years ago, industry and business have co-operated to provide training facilities for our high school students.

The student learner is required to have five hours of class work and a minimum of fifteen hours of on-the-job training. In class the students are required to study technical material related to their occupations. Once each week the students study general related information on subjects that will benefit the entire group. Besides this the student carries two other high school subjects. It is impressed upon the student that he should conduct himself properly in the places of business so that he may become a better workman. D. O. not only helps the student, but during his training period he contributes to the welfare of the community.

The students have taken it upon themselves to sponsor a banquet for their employers, co-ordinator and the State Supervisor at the end of each year.

Diversified Occupations Club and class

Co-ordinator—Mr. J. S. Rollins

President—Duane Marcum

Vice-President—Max Jauch

Secretary-Treasurer—Marilee Wagner



Our staffs

will remember

this year



INTO every life some rain must fall the coal strike worried the janitors as they saw our fuel supply dwindle the cooks fretted trying to please 380 different appetites the bus drivers got mired down in the terrible roads from January until April the Easter ice storm wrecked the campus leaving a mass of debris and more work for the staff.

But as always, there is some sunshine the cooks had the satisfaction of working in a brand new modernized kitchen the roads dried up and the buses once more made their routes the coal strike ended and the branches got cleaned up once more the staff of MHS will have time for a little while of relaxation.

COOKS
L. Kehm, M. Truckenbrod

CUSTODIANS
C. Cross, G. Miller, S. Miller

BUS DRIVERS
R. Davis, A. Dudgeon, J. Boisdorf,
M. Skaggs, R. Robeson



DRIVER TRAINING — — — SAFER DRIVING

Shown with pride



OPEN HOUSE — — — CLOSER RELATIONS
BETWEEN SCHOOL AND HOME

Students at MHS Choose to Learn
in View of the Crossroad to Come
and

LEARN TO CHOOSE

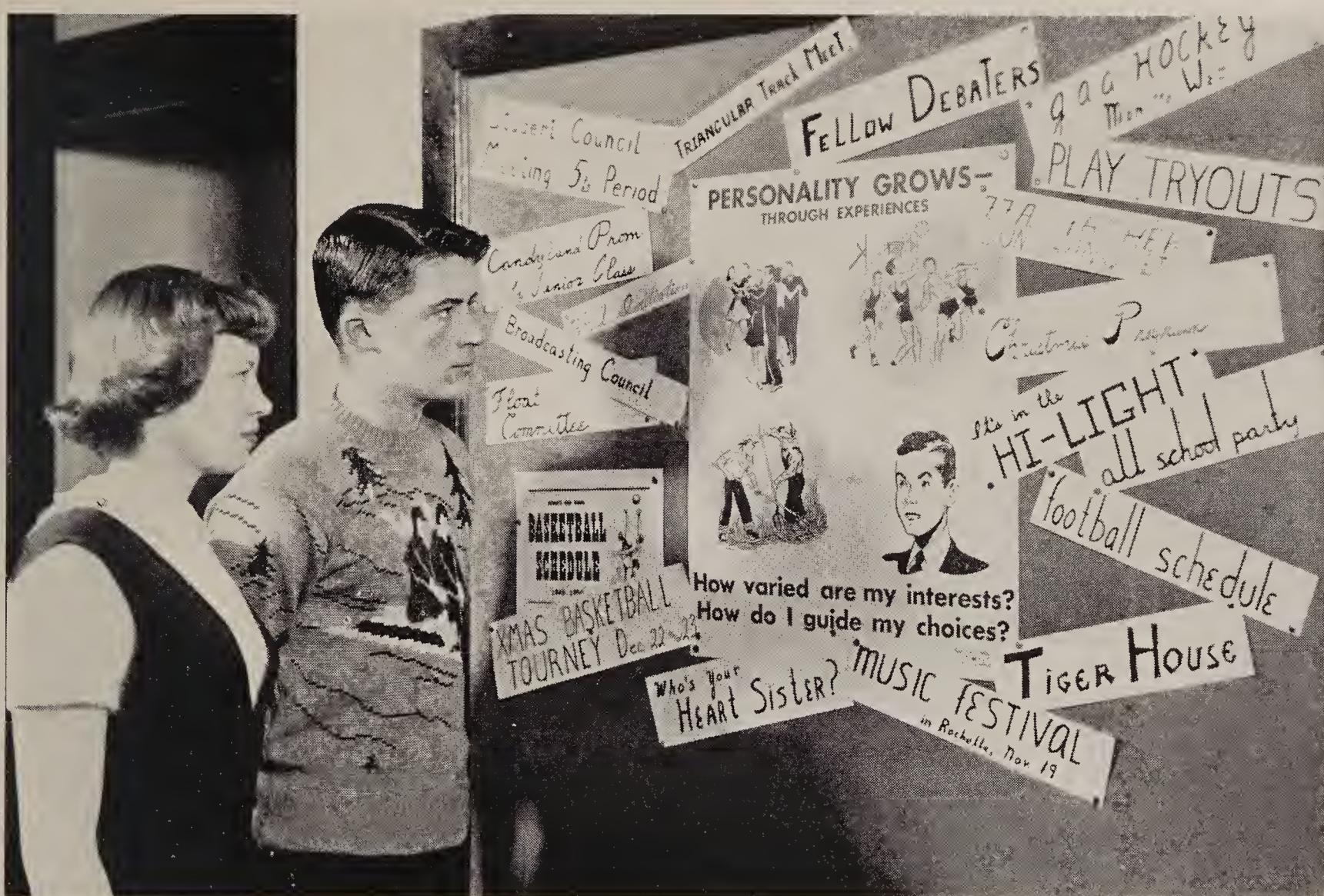
As the Crossroad Draws Near



Dear Bernie,
I didn't have
you in any of my classes
this year, not at all like
last year, huh? For the best, huk?
luck to a real swell boy.
Carole Tuckerman

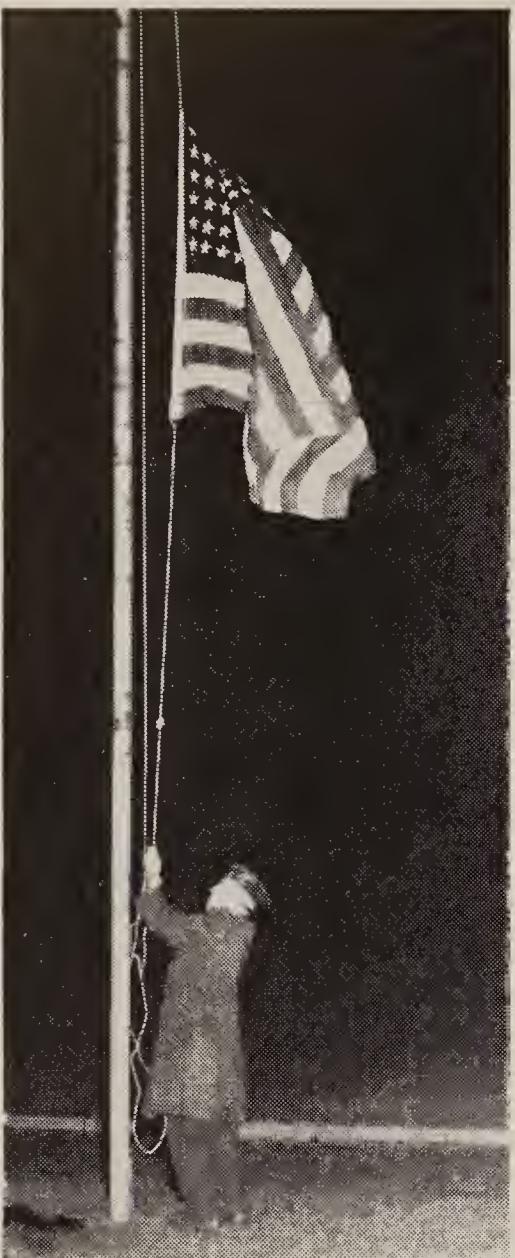
Good luck, Bernie.
I'll never forget your
party after the prom.
It was loads of fun. We
had bacon & eggs for breakfast. We
had a great time for us. I was just
given a sweet guy from Student Council!
Mary Rose

CHOOSE



LEARNING to choose will open new interests to all of you the years spent in high school will offer many chances to do this by trial and error (if necessary) you can find which activities and organizations interest you most your first clues in selecting these may come from a hobby you already have you may get hints from absorbing classes through activities you can try many new things things which you otherwise might never try you can become a well-rounded person by participating in all sorts of organizations if you don't like one—try something else you have many opportunities to discover your talents and abilities this is the time to experiment with choosing there are days ahead when you must know how to choose without hesitation times when you may not have a second chance freedom to make up your own mind is your right be able to do it intelligently prepare now learn to choose.

Atmosphere of grid

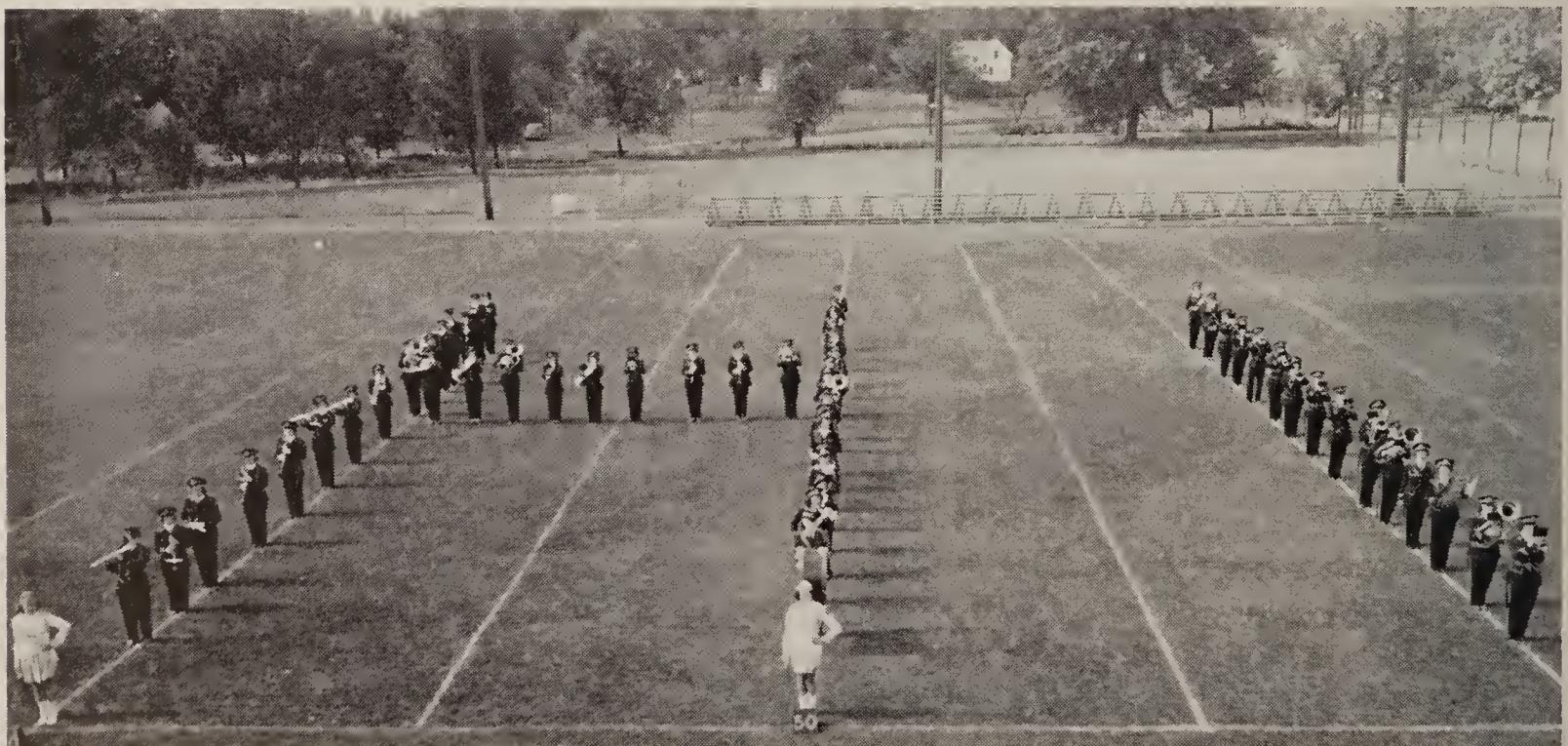


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EVEN before the beginning of school in the fall, many of the boys of MHS had already been hit by school spirit. In late August the boys began intensive practice to toughen up, but not without gripes and groans of, "Oh, my achin' back." During the hot days, they exercised and had the summer's accumulation of excess calories sweated out of them, and boys were heard saying, "I lost five pounds out there today." Their girls were abandoned as the boys kept the "be home by 10:00" rule.

Downtown and at home, people asked, "How's the team going to be this year?" They were proudly answered, "It looks good." The Mabs and students found a demand for season tickets, as the community backed the Trojans.

The dog house had its face lifted and awaited the first game all bright and shiny. The bleachers were set up and the score board cleaned up ready for, we hoped, lots of points for the Trojans and few for their opponents. The sound equipment was again installed at the field, and the student announcers began clearing their throats. As the seniors learned the temperamental quirks of the popcorn machine, the popcorn changed from slightly burnt, to puffy, fluffy white.



season created by

► FLAG RAISING

► PEP BAND

► SOUND SYSTEM

► BREWING COFFEE

Finally after weeks of preparation, the first game came. The floodlights were turned on, the people streamed in, cars were parked for blocks around, the smell of brewing coffee began to permeate the crisp, fall air, the band tuned up, and the

teams ran down from the school to exercise on the ends of the field.

Then, the flag raising brought a moment of respectful silence before that long whistle gave way to the cheers, thrills, and excited anticipation that the first kick off brings to another football season.

BROADCASTING COUNCIL



TOP ROW: Mr. Pourchot, B. Buck, T. Faber, Mr. Norton, M. Ehlers, G. Ehlers, R. DuBois
THIRD ROW: B. Rave, D. Morsch, C. Jackson, S. Scherger, M. Bruck, J. Sonntag, N. Blotch, G. Larson, J. King
SECOND ROW: Miss Swanson, J. Dunn, C. Truckenbrod, N. Cummings, L. Svendsen, B. Shoemaker, Miss Breese
FIRST ROW: S. Yost, C. Hoffman, M. Wolfe, S. Schmitt

*A*GAIN this year the Broadcasting Council took charge of the public address system for games and auditorium programs. The announcing staff, under Mr. Pourchot's direction, was quite large during the football season, but during the basketball season, only the boys reported at games. Mr. Norton's technicians functioned

the entire year, setting up the equipment for games, programs, and dances. The copy committee collected and prepared the advertisements for broadcasting under the guidance of Miss Breese and Miss Swanson. This undertaking has proved to be an asset to the school, students, and community.

*W*HEN the smoke and haze cleared from the 1949 gridiron battlefields, the Mendota Trojans were tied with Princeton and Geneseo for first place in the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference. Each team won 3 games and lost 1. The Trojans dumped Geneseo, who in turn knocked off Princeton. This left the Trojans undefeated when they encountered the Tigers. A victory would have given the Purple and Gold sole possession of first place, but the Tigers turned the tables on the Trojans, and the championship went to all three schools. Each team received a trophy.

Thirty-seven boys showed up when practice began in late August. Of these, 10 were major lettermen, 5 were minor lettermen, and 12 were lettermen from the 1948 frosh-soph conference champs. Coach Lewis worked hard to find the right combination of players, and after a few games he formulated the following offensive line-up: Ends: Curt Van Etten and Al Wood; Tackles: Bernie and Kenny Stremlau; Guards: Don Worsley and Don Bialas; Center: Dick Fitzsimmons; Backs: Larry Lau, LaVere Gray, Harry and Bill Phalen.

On defense he sent in Bob Mealey at end, Kenny Nowlin at center, and Jim McCormick in the backfield. Benny Durand began the season as regular fullback but

FOOTBALL

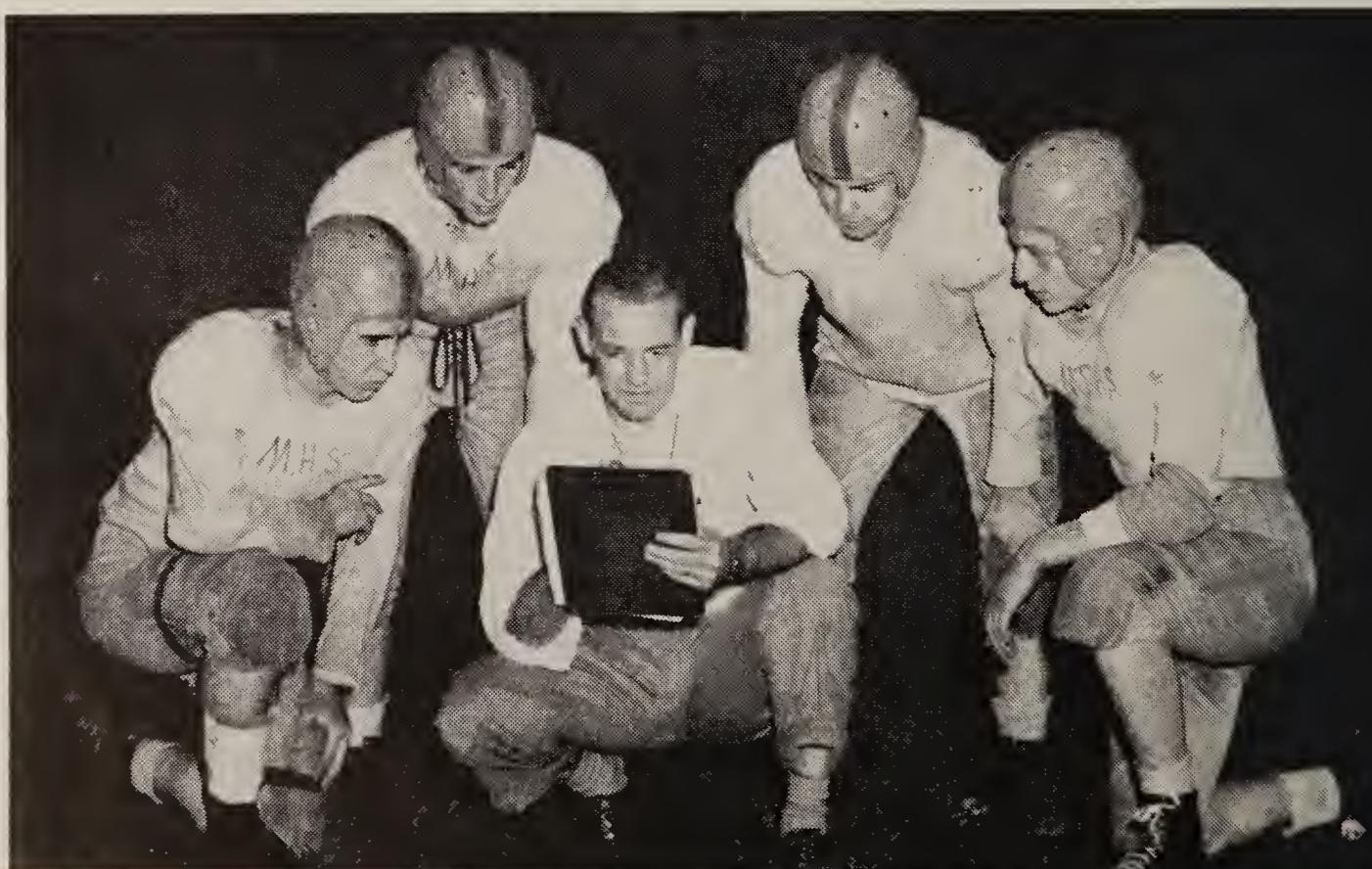
varsity shares honors in conference

was injured early in the season and saw limited action in the last two games.

LaVere Gray and Don Worsley were elected co-captains of the team for the entire season. Larry Lau was the offensive standout of the Trojans as he scored 10 touchdowns and racked up over 800 yards rushing. He was given honorable mention on the All-State team. Bernie Stremlau and Harry Phalen added many a conversion by their exceptional place kicking. The whole line was strong and often paved the way for long runs and touchdowns.

The gridiron season got off to a good start by handing the Amboy Clippers a 13-0 setback on the home field.

**COACH LEWIS
AND
BACKFIELD
PLAN STRATEGY
FOR GAME**





BACK ROW: A. Reppin, M. Jackson, J. Dougherty, C. Van Etten, B. Mealey, A. Richard, M. Ehlers, D. Bialas
 THIRD ROW: Manager D. Mosher, N. Bauer, R. Elsesser, B. Durand, J. Finley, B. McConville, B. Stremlau, W. Munson,
 K. Stremlau, Coach T. Lewis
 SECOND ROW: D. Abbott, G. Foote, D. Bauer, E. Joerger, L. Gray, D. McConville, G. Johnson, R. Childers, D. Nelson
 FIRST ROW: J. McCormick, L. Lau, H. Phalen, G. Glaser, D. Fitzsimmons, R. Harboldt, B. Phalen, A. Wood

The next Friday the Lewis men didn't fare so well when they tackled the powerful Morris Redmen. The Trojans played good ball but couldn't get the ball over the goal, and the Redmen won 19-0.

The Rochelle game was selected as the homecoming game. The Trojans made sure this year's homecoming would be a success when they whipped the Hubs 13-0. The Trojans really turned on the heat as they rolled up 340 yards to the Hub's 40.

Geneseo was the next victim of the Purple and Gold as they fell 19-13. The game was very closely contested, but an immovable line and fast backfield were too much for the Leafs.

The next Friday the Trojans journeyed to Rock Falls and trounced the Rockets 33-7. At the end of three quarters the Rockets led 7-6, but the Trojans went to work and scored four touchdowns in the final period to win 33-7.

Rain and mud hampered both the Trojans and the Dixon Dukes in their clash on the

Dixon gridiron the following week. The Dukes pushed over two TD's to the Trojans' one, handing the Trojans a 13-6 defeat.

Then came Princeton. The game was tightly played with no long runs or much goal pressing. The Trojans led at the half 6-0, but the Tigers came back to score in both the third and fourth quarters to take the game 14-6.

The final game against Sandwich was a real thriller with the Trojans winning 7-6. Mendota scored first and led 7-0 until the final minutes when Sandwich scored their touchdown. The victory gave the Trojans a 5 and 3 won-lost record for the season.

With a large number of junior lettermen returning next year, the prospects for a successful season seem good.

VARSITY FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

We		They	We		They
14	Amboy	0	33	Rock Falls	7
0	Morris	19	6	Dixon	13
13	Rochelle	0	6	Princeton	14
19	Geneseo	13	7	Sandwich	6

Brains, brawn combine to form

84 Bob McConville
71 Ed Joerger
53 Don Abbott
36 Glen Foote
29 Bob Harboldt
57 Jim McCormick

Year
Senior
Senior
Junior
Junior
Senior
Junior

Position
Tackle
Guard
Bock
Tackle
End
Bock

87 Jim Finley
60 Bill Phalen
80 Don Biolos
64 Dean Bouer
74 Wes Munson
81 Kenny Stremlau

Year
Senior
Junior
Junior
Senior
Senior
Junior

Position
Tackle
Bock
Guard
Tackle
Tackle
Tackle

34 Art Reppin
78 Bernie Stremlau
54 Larry Lou
40 Joe Dougherty
39 Norman Bouer
62 Harry Pholen

Year
Junior
Junior
Junior
Junior
Junior

Position
Tackle
Tackle
Bock
Guard
Center
Bock



winning team for 1949 Trojans

69 Bob Meoley
75 Dick Fitzsimmons
58 Alon Wood
56 LaVere Gray
61 Don Worsley
37 Duone Nelson

Year
Senior
Senior
Senior
Senior
Junior

Position
End
Center
End
Back
Guard
Guard

68 Deon Kuehl
85 George Johnson
88 Kenny Nowlin
66 Ronnie Childers
72 Curt Von Etten
82 Morvin Ehlers

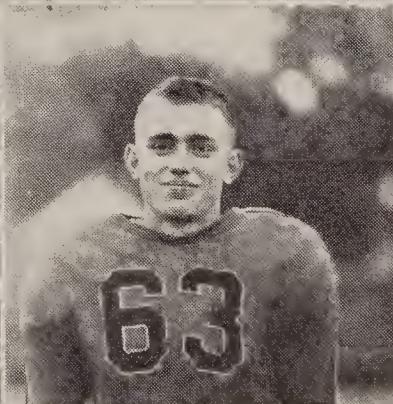
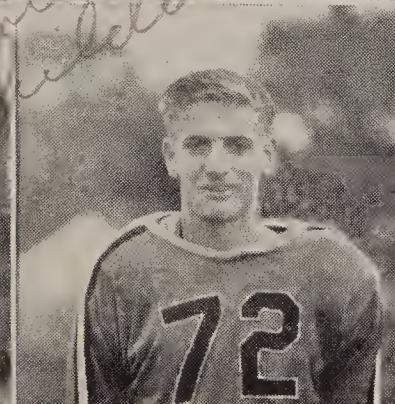
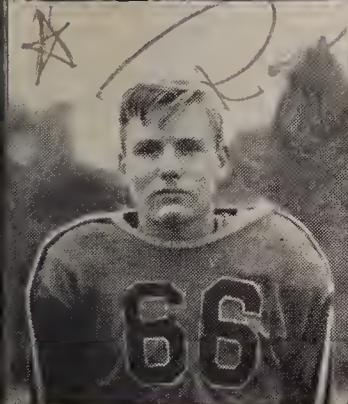
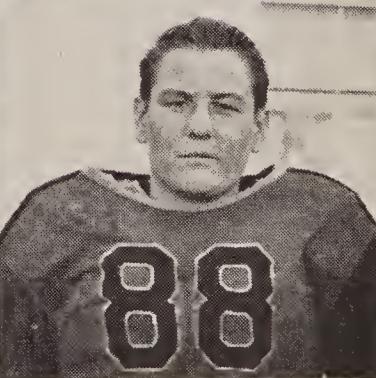
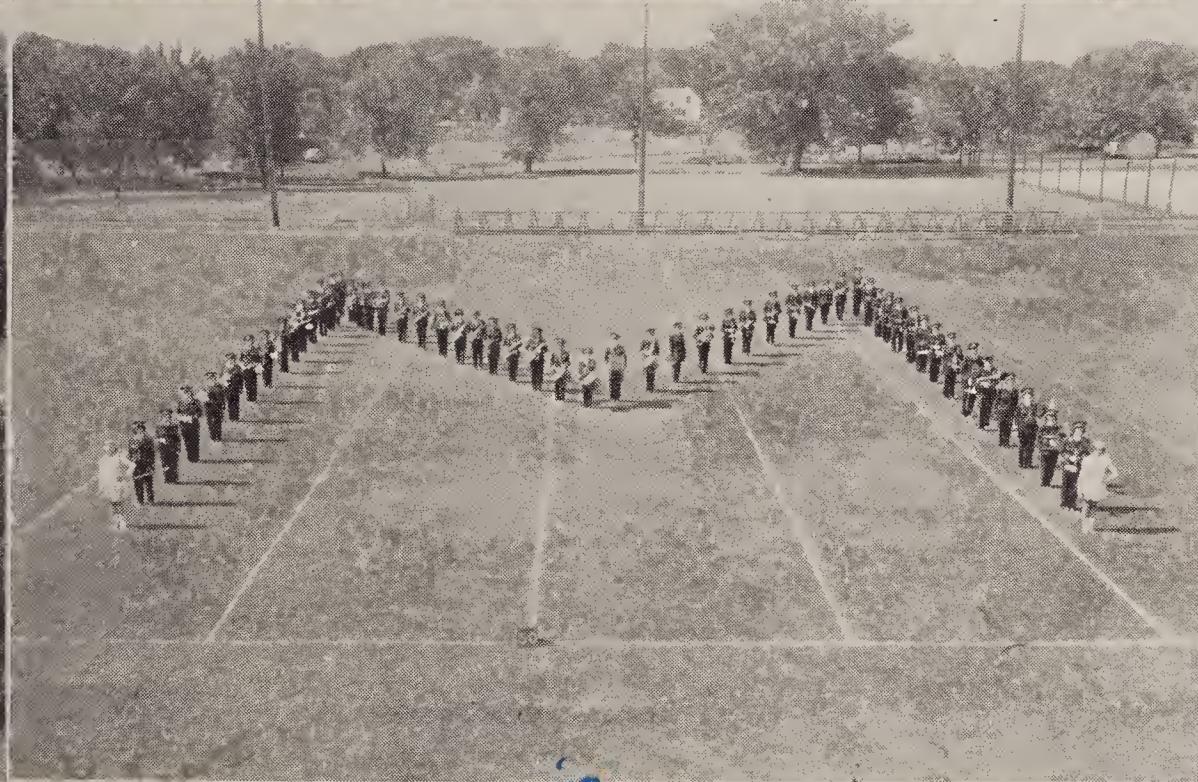
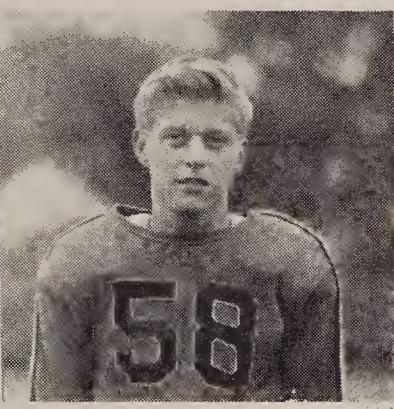
Year
Junior
Junior
Junior
Senior
Senior

Position
Guard
Bock
Tockle
Guard
End
Tockle

63 Gib Glaser
33 Alon Richord
59 Dole McConville
55 Benny Durond
26 Melvin Jockson
32 Richard Elsesser

Year
Senior
Junior
Senior
Junior
Junior

Position
End
Bock
Center
Bock
End
Center





VARSITY FOOTBALL STATISTICS

MENDOTA OPPONENTS

MENDOTA	OPPONENTS
First downs	90
Yards gained rushing	1931
Yards gained passing	415
Total yards gained	2346
Passes attempted	82
Passes completed	35
Number of punts	22
Av. distance of punts	33
Number of penalties	58
Yards lost on penalties	420
Ball lost on fumbles	15

VARSITY FOOTBALL AWARDS

MAJOR LETTERS

Ed Joerger
Jim McCormick
Jim Finley
Bill Phalen
Don Bialas
Kenny Stremlau
Bernie Stremlau
Larry Lau
Harry Phalen
Bob Mealey

Dick Fitzsimmons
Alan Wood
LaVere Gray
Don Worsley
Kenny Nowlin
Ronnie Childers
Curt Van Etten
Gib Glaser
Benny Durand

MINOR LETTERS

Bob McConville
Don Abbott
Bob Harboldt
Dean Bauer
Joe Dougherty
Norman Bauer
Duane Nelson

George Johnson
Marvin Ehlers
Dale McConville
Melvin Jackson
Richard Elsesser
Dean Kuehl

Iron men of the gridiron



MHS is well-represented

in FESTIVALS

at Rochelle

"BY-LINE FOR St. Luke" was the one-act play prepared by the dramatics class for the dramatic festival in Rochelle on December 17, 1949. The Mendota cast, directed by Mr. Pourchot, competed with casts from 4 other schools. From all of these, an all-star and an alternate cast were selected. Jerry Coonen's excellent characterization won him a place on the alternate cast.

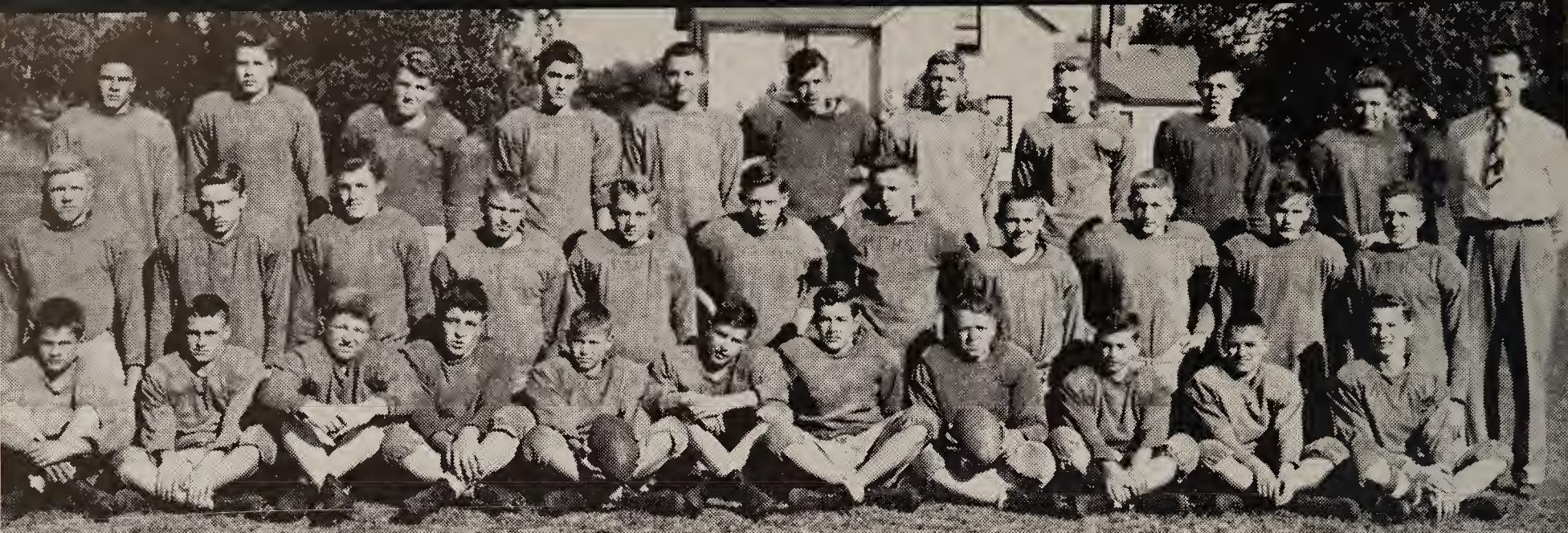
Many of the schools in the North Central Conference sent both vocalists and instrumentalists to Rochelle on November 19 for the annual music festival. Mr. Harrington worked hard rehearsing both groups for the trip. Mr. George Howerton directed the festival chorus and Mr. Russell Harvey, the band.

CONFERENCE PLAY
STANDING: Mr. Pourchot, D. Morris, J. Coonen, K. Piller, J. King
SEATED: C. Hoffmon, J. Dunn, A. Rohs

INSTRUMENTAL FESTIVAL GROUP
THIRD ROW: D. Preston, S. Yost, J. Sonntag, E. Sollitt, J. Vogelsong, N. Lucos, P. Heininger, B. Preston, D. Kofoed, B. Wilhelm
SECOND ROW: C. Hoffmon, C. Pohl, B. Rooth, B. Rave, C. Amfohr, J. Finley, Mr. Harrington
FIRST ROW: J. Woller, J. Truckenbrod, D. Rider, N. Cotton, V. Drees

VOCAL FESTIVAL GROUP
THIRD ROW: J. Klein, B. Ough, R. Elsesser, B. McConville, M. Jones, A. Steele
SECOND ROW: M. Greenwood, E. Jewel, O. Spender, L. Svendsen, J. Dunn, D. Ohlinger, B. Biolos
FIRST ROW: M. Sponier, N. Wolfe, Mr. Harrington, C. Roehm, J. Klein





TOP ROW: J. Keefe, R. Childers, M. Fayan, R. Fitzsimmons, C. Rahr, A. Frey, M. Hansan, E. Nance, W. Castle, D. Biers, Coach Daenier

SECOND ROW: D. Danekas, J. Gehler, C. Rich, B. Gehler, D. Karl, D. Kuehl, D. Van Etten, K. Nowlin, G. Eich, R. Gibsan, B. Dewey

FIRST ROW: J. Hachstatter, K. Ryan, J. Langbein, N. Inman, J. Wood, B. Gardner, E. Peasley, K. McLaughlin, D. McConville, H.

Johnson, H. Schmidt

JAYTEES take frosh-soph

Danekas and Eich captain

JHE MENDOTA Jaytees successfully defended the frosh-soph championship in the Southwest Division of the North Central Conference during the 1949 football season as they again came through conference play undefeated. Coach Doenier led his boys through the complete season with a record of 6 wins and 1 loss.

Coach Doenier began practice with only 4 lettermen. He had an aggressive group of boys and molded them into a championship outfit.

The opening game of the season found Marquette of Ottawa the first victim of the mighty Jaytees. Max Fayan's touchdown on his reverse play was the deciding factor in the game as the Jaytees won 6-0.

Morris was next to be overpowered by the Jaytees as they fell 32-0. Four of the team got into the scoring column.

Rochelle was trounced 19-0 in the homecoming game.

With one conference win already to their credit, the Jaytees then proceeded to whip Geneseo 18-6. This was the first time the Jaytees were scored upon in the season.

Traveling to Rock Falls, the Jaytees took a 19-6 victory from the Rocket underclassmen. This gave the Jaytees a string of 13 straight victories over a span of two years.

Playing in the mud and rain in a cross-conference game at Dixon, the Jaytees fell for the first time in two years, 14-13. Time ran out for the Jaytees. As the game ended the ball was resting on Dixon's one yard line.

Like the Varsity the Jaytees had a tie for first place cinched, but, unlike the Varsity, they beat Princeton 27-0 to be sole leader in the North Central Conference for the second straight year.

Glen Eich and Ralph Gibson proved to be Coach Doenier's most dependable offensive threats, as they crossed the goal six times. Jack Keefe was next with four while FAYEN and Rich each had two. There will be five lettermen back next year, and they are setting their goal for the third straight title.

conference title again

team through victorious season

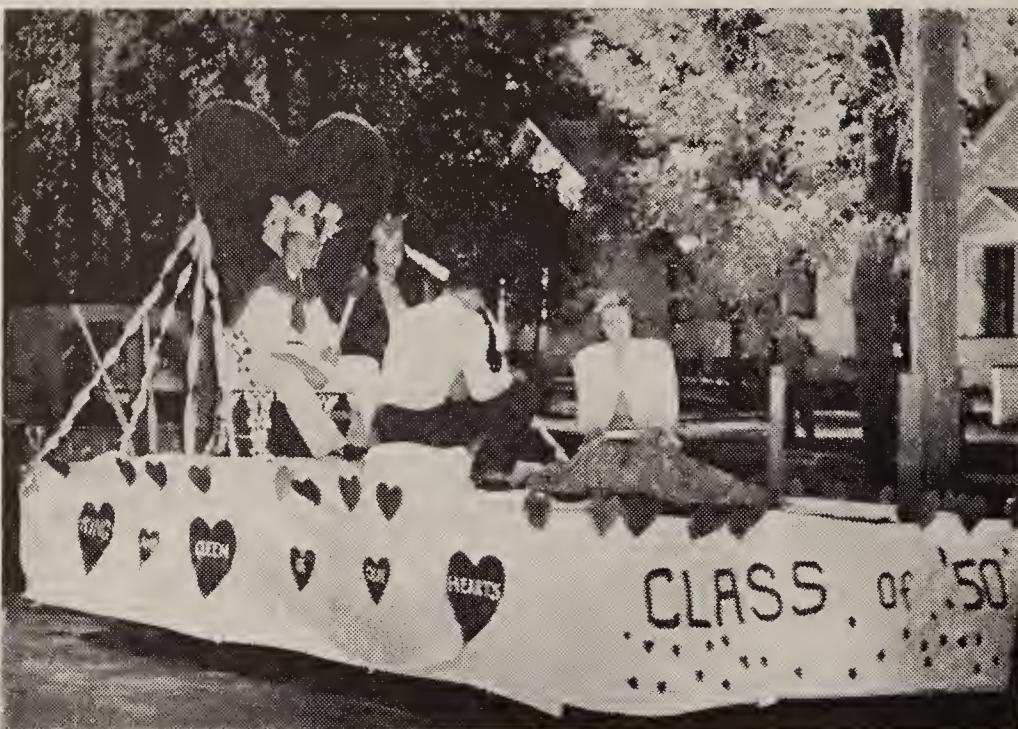
FRESH-SOPH LETTER WINNERS

Ralph Gibson	Bob Sibigroth
Glen Eich	Don Kuehl
Jack Keefe	Andy Frey
Max FAYEN	Ed Peasley
Dale Danekas	Dave Karl
Jim Gehler	Jerry Wood
Bill Gehler	Clarence Rich
Keith Nowlin	

FRESH-SOPH RECORD FOR 1949 SEASON

We	They
6	Marquette 0
32	Morris 0
19	Rochelle 0
18	Geneseo 6
19	Rock Falls 6
13	Dixon 14
27	Princeton 0





When the final ballots were counted in the senior class election it was found Martha Jones had been chosen queen; Dick Fitzsimmons, king; Delbert Didier, page; and Betty Rave, queen's attendant. The theme of their float, "Peg of Our Hearts," was carried out in red and white with a huge heart in the background.



The juniors' royal court was composed of Sue Yost, their queen; Harry Phalen, their king; and attendants, Kenny Stremlau and Arlene Crane. The class carried out the theme of "I'm Just Wild About Harry" and "Sweet Sue" in a most decorative manner.

Chosen by their sophomore classmates to share in the glory of homecoming were Orrie Spenader as queen, Max Fayen as king, and Ralph Gibson and Celia Hoover as attendants. The royal court rode in a swank convertible gaily decorated in their class colors, yellow and green.



Elected to positions of honor among the freshman class were Bernice Bialas, queen; Eddie Peasley, king; Bill Gehler, page; and Margo Walters, queen's attendant. One could almost hear the notes of "I'm Forever Blowing Bubbles" float through the air as the court blew large soap bubbles.



HOMECOMING courts reign over parade and victory dance



Representing you — *your student COUNCIL*



TOP ROW: E. Sollitt, D. Preston, B. Gardner, J. Pohl, B. Boykin, J. Gehler, D. Rider, N. Lucas, J. Sonntag
SECOND ROW: S. Yost, J. Herbert, C. Roehm, B. Stremlau, W. Engelbrecht, D. Fitzsimmons, N. Cummings, P. Smith
SEATED: N. Blotch, C. Pohl, D. McConville, L. Gray, Miss Payne

*L*AST SPRING the first formal initiation of officers and new members of the student council was held. The officers who had been elected were Carol Pohl, president; Dale McConville, vice-president; Nancy Blotch, secretary-treasurer; and LaVere Gray, parliamentarian. Miss Hazel Payne acted as the advisor.

The first big project to get under way for the council was the sponsoring of the annual homecoming. This was the third homecoming for Mendota and the council wanted to make it the best ever. It was decided to have a king as well as a queen, and an attendant for each from every class. October 7 was the day chosen for the annual event. The night before the big game the students gathered on the practice field for a bonfire, pep session, and snake dance. This, together with the colorful badges sold by the council, added greatly to the pep and enthusiasm of the game. On the afternoon of the important day, the parade was held with a variety of floats.

After the game that evening with Rochelle, the alumni, student body, and the Rochelle students were invited to the dance. The gymnasium was decorated entirely with colorful balloons. A large crowd saw the kings and queens crowned by Coaches Doenier and Lewis. Each year homecoming has increased in student cooperation, alumni participation, and community interest. For the first time, the student council this year made gains financially, due to the increased interest in homecoming.

But homecoming was just one of the many activities which the council undertook. As the holiday season approached, plans got under way to bring the Christmas spirit to MHS. A large tree was decorated and placed in the cafeteria, and Christmas records were played between classes. A party was planned for the last day before Christmas vacation. Mr. Steele surprised the student body with a very appropriate full length movie, "The Miracle of 34th Street." Following the auditorium program there was dancing in the gym; punch and homemade cookies were served by the feminine council members who acted as hostesses at the attractively decorated refreshment tables.

Other services the council performed this year include: providing students to introduce assembly programs; maintaining a checkroom at the basketball games; revising the blue student handbook; sponsoring an all-school party on March 24.

Bernie Stremlau and Sue Yost were selected to be delegates to the state convention in Peoria on April 21 and 22. There they learned of the services and duties of student councils in schools with about our enrollment.

FORMAL INITIATION AND INSTALLATION



GAA promotes sports for fun and for health

GHE Girls' Athletic Association is an organization for girls under the guidance of the physical education instructor, Mrs. Brent. Requirements for membership are: one hundred hours of sport activity; physical exam; payment of dues; one hundred health points.

At the beginning of school, the first activity was hockey. The hockey tournament, a hard fought one, ended with sophomores, juniors, and seniors tied for first place. Familiar cries then were: sticks! you'll get fifty lashes for that I wasn't obstructing, she was charging ouch! she aimed right at me wing it we'll have no profanity on this field the seniors will stand everybody else oh joy, the football team's coming down to the athletic field Mrs. Brent's famous last words — Let's all run back to school!

STANDING: Mrs. Brent, W. Brown, N. Cummings, B. Brown, C. Pohl, N. Blotch, J. Dunn
SITTING: M. Spanier, B. Johnson, S. Yost, G. Larson, J. Sonntag, L. Edwards



GAA BOARD

Carol Pohl	President
Betty Brown	Vice President
Nancy Cummings	Treasurer
Nancy Blotch	Secretary
Jeannine Dunn	Social Chrm.
Lita Edwards	Hockey Mgr.
Sue Yost	Volleyball Mgr.
Greta Larson	Basketball Mgr.
Janis Sonntag	Individual Sports Mgr.
Beverly Johnson	Baseball Mgr.
Marilyn Spanier	Archery Mgr.
Wilma Brown	Freshman Representative

The GAA had the dog house at one of the games. They entered a float in the homecoming parade representing the various sports in which the GAA members participated.

December 21 was the date of the Christmas party. After a scramble supper, Christmas carols were sung and gifts were distributed from the grab bag.

Initiation of new members was held on February 7. During the day, there was an informal initiation, but that evening a formal admission ceremony was held. A candle lighting service signified the transfer of responsibility from old members to the new members. The new members repeated the pledge and received the GAA pin.

Tumbling and basketball were carried on simultaneously. These were the things heard most often then: in tumbling — at



BACK ROW: P. Roth, E. Herbert, C. Hoffman, J. Vogelsang, M. Brewbaker, B. Brown, J. Pohl, C. Truckenbrod, B. Rave, P. Morehouse
 FIFTH ROW: N. Cummings, S. Scherger, S. Scott, J. Brown, S. Schmitt, C. Pohl, S. Spender, D. McLaughlin, P. Mealey, G. Larson
 FOURTH ROW: P. McLaughlin, M. Harris, M. Walter, B. Spanier, N. Blotch, M. Spanier, B. Johnson, A. Widmer, D. Goubeaux, J. Sonntag
 THIRD ROW: W. Brown, A. Truckenbrod, S. Radtke, M. Ebbinghaus, C. Jackson, J. Herbert, A. Crane, M. Greenwood
 SECOND ROW: M. Cork, P. Heininger, J. Dunn, S. Yost, B. Shoemaker, B. Pohl, V. Novak, Mrs. Brent
 SEATED: S. Hoadley, N. Lucas, D. Martin, M. Bruckner, J. Sonntag, H. Shed, L. Edwards, S. Kilburn

least you should be able to turn a sommersault arch your back why do I always have to be in the bottom row of a pyramid? see if you can do a one-handed handspring then in basketball — steps? who took steps? there must be a rule to cover this quit hogging the ball I wasn't very far over

the line I had it first Mrs. Brent's advice — Don't forget to take your shower.

The constitution was altered this year to require participation in at least 50% of all activities to retain membership. Numerals and awards are given on a point basis for participation in these intramural athletics.



GAA INITIATION IN FORMAL AND INFORMAL MOMENTS



STANDING: B. Ebbinghaus, Mr. Pourchot

SEATED: B. Gardner, B. Rave, C. Pohl, K. Weiss, D. Olson, J. Vogelsang, H. Shed, H. Oberholz

Worthy opponents, we DEBATE

UNDER the very capable guidance of Mr. Pourchot, Mendota's debate squad again upheld its fine tradition. The squad, consisting of Carol Pohl, Betty Rave, Doris Olson, Bill Ebbinghaus, Helen Oberholz, Harriett Shed, Bill Gardner, Jane Vogelsang, Kathleen Weiss, Roger DuBois, and Marvin Ehlers, was greatly lacking in experience at the beginning of the season. This year, debate was made a full credit subject and the squad members were given more time in which to do their

research. After doing some actual practice debating, the team improved by leaps and bounds.

The season got off to a good start with a debate at Geneseo on December 3 which was followed on December 7 by a practice debate at Sandwich. The annual Normal invitational tournament was held on December 10. The squad, after taking it easy during Christmas vacation, journeyed to East Rockford on January 7. Three weeks later the high point of the season was reached when the first team traveled to Augustana at Rock Island on January 27 and 28 for the season's biggest debate. After an invitational debate at Elgin on February 4, the squad began preparation for the NCIC contest at Geneseo on February 18. Mendota placed third at this event. The next battle was fought March 4 when Mendota played host to an invitational tournament. A full season of varsity debating was brought to a close on March 11 at the



sectional contest at Pontiac. The junior varsity attended the last tournament of the season at East Aurora.

Debate, to those who know nothing about it, seems to be a very dull and uninteresting way to spend one's Saturdays during the winter months, but those who actually participate in it know that almost anything can happen. When we stop to think about this past debate season, we remember our joys and our disappointments. One thing that will remain in the memories of the debaters is Mr. Pourchot's jokes. Even when they weren't funny they took up time on a long trip. Nor will any one forget his attempts to get started to a tournament in the cool gray dawn despite the icy highways.

It will be a long time before the squad will forget their trip to Augustana and the excellent room and telephone service. Carol Pohl's mispronunciation of a certain word was the winning factor in one round of debate. We came back with a better education, as a result of our bridge lessons. Harriett Shed will remember the Sandwich debate when she unexpectedly added sound effects to her speech by turning on a water faucet. Was she trying to drown out the opposition? All will remember the rather clumsy manipulation of perfectly good quotes by some members of the squad. Were they unschooled or unscrupulous? Furthermore, we'll remember debate for it has been a good year and has given valuable experience.

the question of direct election

JHOUGH starting the year with only five members, the National Forensic League increased its membership during the year. Officers elected the previous spring were Carol Pohl, president; Doris Olson, vice-president; and Helen

Oberholz, secretary-treasurer. The organization got off to a good start by taking in both regular and associate members and by the end of the year membership had more than doubled. Awards are presented on the basis of points earned in speech.

STANDING: K. Weiss, B. Gardner, R. DuBois, M. Ehlers, B. Buck, B. Ebbinghaus, B. Rave
SEATED: J. Vogelsang, H. Oberholz, C. Pohl, D. Olson, H. Shed, Mr. Pourchot

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VARSITY BASKETBALL gives from the enthusiastic



STANDING: D. Mosher, G. Johnson, D. Fitzsimmons, T. Faber, L. Lau, L. Gray, H. Phalen, Coach Doenier
KNEELING: B. Durand, R. Elsesser, B. Stremlau, C. Van Etten, B. Mealey, J. Keller, K. Stremlau; Absent: A. Wood, R. Childers, D. Abbott

OUR 1950 Trojans finished their basketball schedule with a record of 11 wins and 12 losses. A revised schedule of only 20 regular games and 3 tournament games gave the Trojans a tough season. Coach Doenier used 10 different boys in his starting lineups, so didn't have 5 boys that could be called the season's regulars.

The Trojans started out well in conference play but soon lost out and finished with a 2 and 7 record. One conference victory was over Hall, a team that had proved to be a jinx to Mendota for many years. A Christmas tourney was held in Mendota this year, and the Trojans copped third place while Rochelle won first place honors.

Mendota's first conference game was with Sterling, a member of the "Sweet Sixteen" this year. The game proved to be a wide open shooting affair with the Golden Warriors winning 51-41.

The Trojans dumped Geneseo 48-44 in their next conference encounter. Dick Fitzsimmons counted 15 points for the Trojans.

Mendota raised its conference record to 2-1 with a 41-31 triumph over Hall. Bob Mealey led the way with 11 points.

Then came the powerful Ottawa Pirates, who were rated No. 7 in state at the time. The Trojans absorbed a 66-46 loss mostly because they could not penetrate Ottawa's tight zone defense.

The DeKalb game was the first in a 5 game losing streak in conference competition. The Trojans led at halftime, but the final score was 42-34. After losing two non-conference games the Trojans almost beat Rochelle with a revised second half lineup. The rally fell short, however, and Rochelle won 53-47. The next defeat was at Rock Falls where

thrills and gets cheers spectators who follow the team

the Rockets took a 55-44 decision to give the Trojans a 9-9 record for the season. The Dixon game proved to be the most exciting of the year as the Trojans played fine ball but were nosed out, 49-45. Larry Lau and George Johnson led the Trojans with 12 and 11 points respectively.

The final game at Princeton was a real thriller and it looked for awhile as if the Trojans would win. In the third quarter the Trojans were out-scored 16-10 and Princeton never relinquished their lead as they won 45-39. Al Wood was the big gun for the Trojans, scoring 11 points and playing a fine all-around game.

The Regional tournament was at LaSalle and after a very tense battle the Trojans were eliminated, 42-40 by Walnut's Blue Raiders.

In non-conference games, some high spots were the Trojans' three victories over Amboy and their record-breaking 85-40 walloping of South Beloit.

The Trojans copped 42-40 and 47-43 victories from Earlville and a 47-42 contest from Granville. DePue dumped the Purple and Gold 45-41 and 66-43, and Mooseheart beat them 55-38. In the Mooseheart game, Harry Childress poured in 34 points for the Red Ramblers from the "Child City". The Trojans also defeated Sandwich and South Beloit and lost to Rock Falls in the Christmas tournament.

Dick Fitzsimmons was high scorer for the Trojans with 200 points; Curt Van Etten was next with 164. Larry Lau took single game high scoring honors with 19 tallies against South Beloit.

The six lettermen who are graduating this year will leave 4 lettermen around which next year's team will be built. The senior boys are co-captains, LaVere Gray and Curt Van Etten; Dick Fitzsimmons; Bob Mealey; Al Wood; and Tom Faber. The lettermen returning are Larry Lau, Harry Phalen, George Johnson, and Benny Durand. With these four boys back the Trojans should have another fine team.

VARSITY CHEERLEADERS



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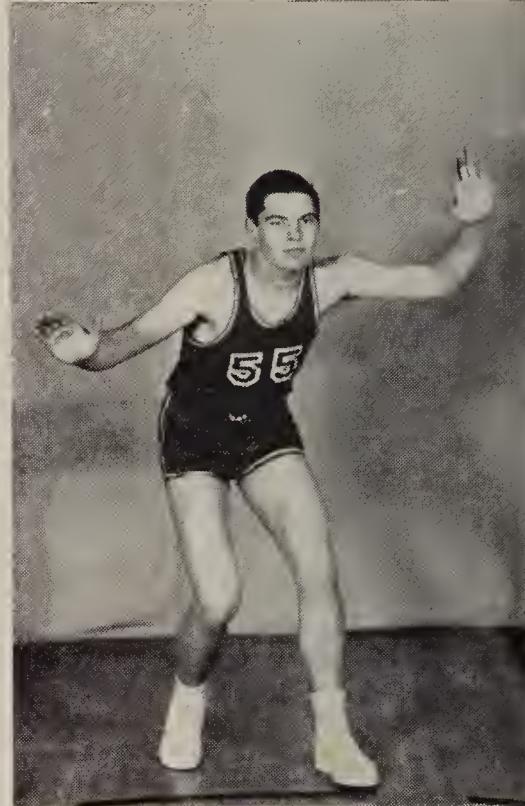
B. Brown, M. Greenwood, S. Gorman, B. Mathesius, M. Brewbaker

A closeup of varsity cagers and

VARSITY INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Player	FG	FT	FTM	PT%	PF	TP
Fitzsimmons . . .	80	40	28	588%	79	200
Van Etten	66	32	21	603%	67	164
Lau	60	27	38	415%	70	147
Johnson	47	40	38	512%	42	134
Phalen	42	28	18	608%	50	112
Mealey	28	22	27	488%	53	78
Gray	19	25	18	581%	45	63
Faber	14	12	6	666%	25	40
Durand	16	7	15	318%	32	39
Wood	10	9	10	473%	25	29
Abbott	5	3	4	428%	12	13
Elsesser	3	1	0	1000%	0	7
K. Stremlau . . .	3	1	1	500%	3	5
B. Stremlau . . .	0	3	2	600%	3	3
Childers	0	2	1	666%	2	2
Keller	0	1	1	500%	0	1

FG—Field goals; FT—Free throws made; FTM—Free throws missed; PT%—Percentage of free throws made; PF—Personal fouls; TP—Total points.



CO-CAPTAIN LAVERE GRAY
guard—major
senior

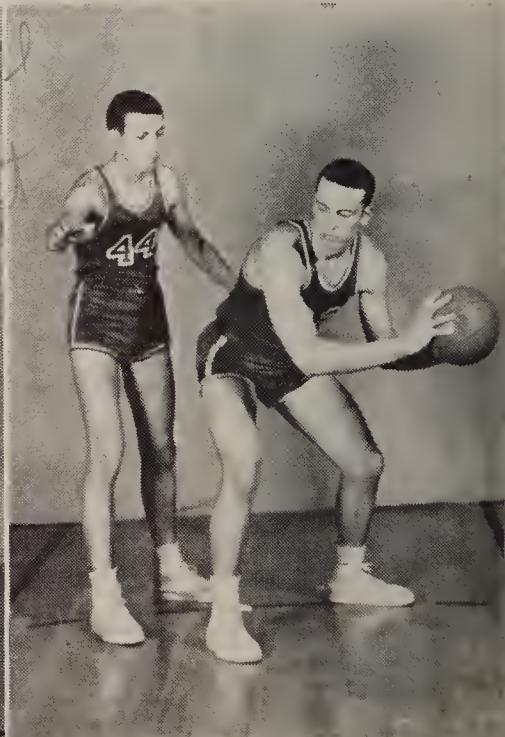
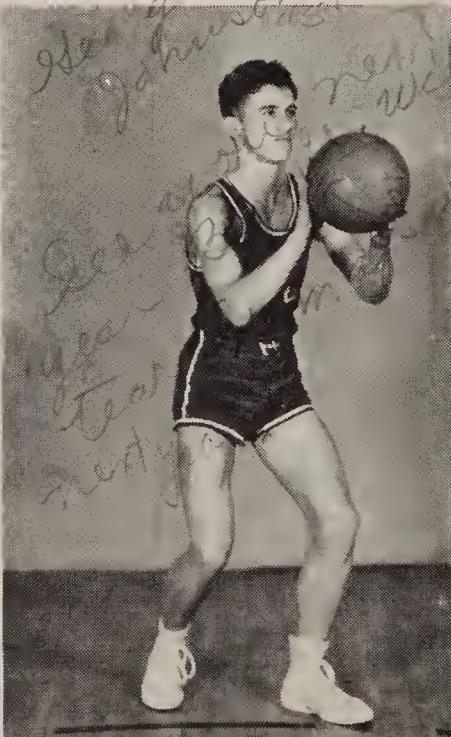
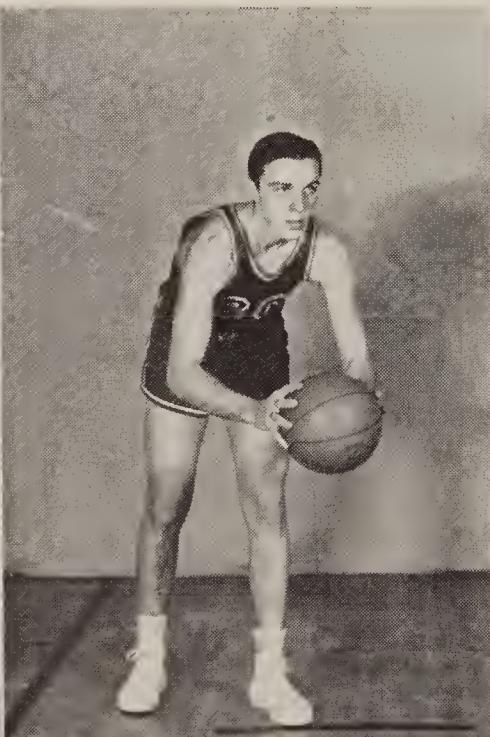
JOHN KELLER
forward—minor
senior

BERNIE STREMLAU
center—minor
junior

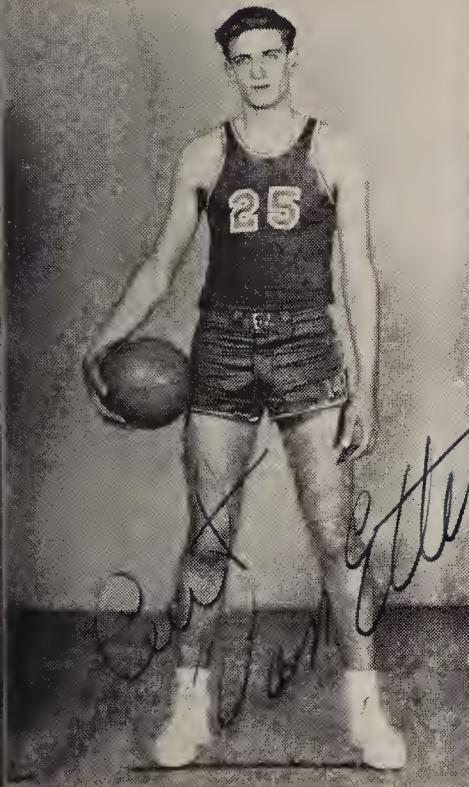
LARRY LAU
forward—major
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HARRY PHALEN
guard—major
junior

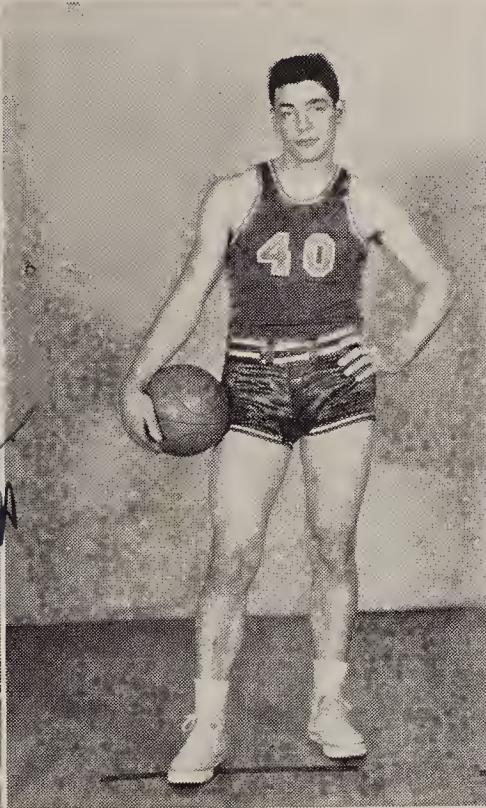
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forward—major
junior



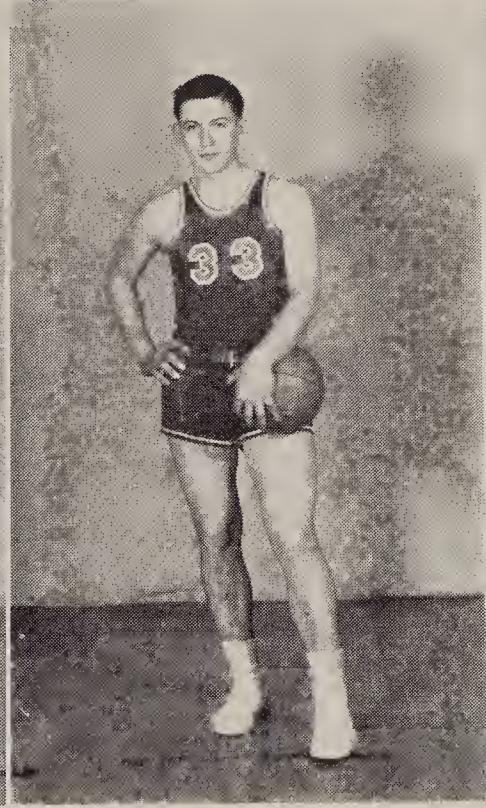
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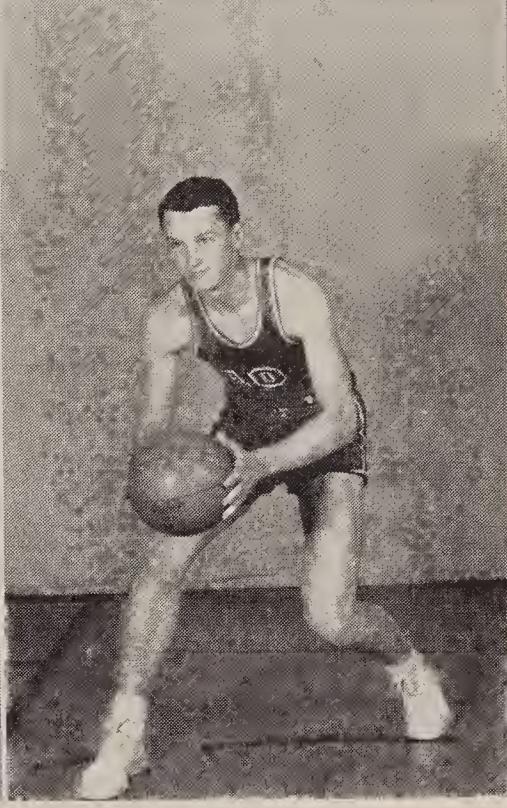
CO-CAPTAIN CURT VAN ETSEN
center—major
senior



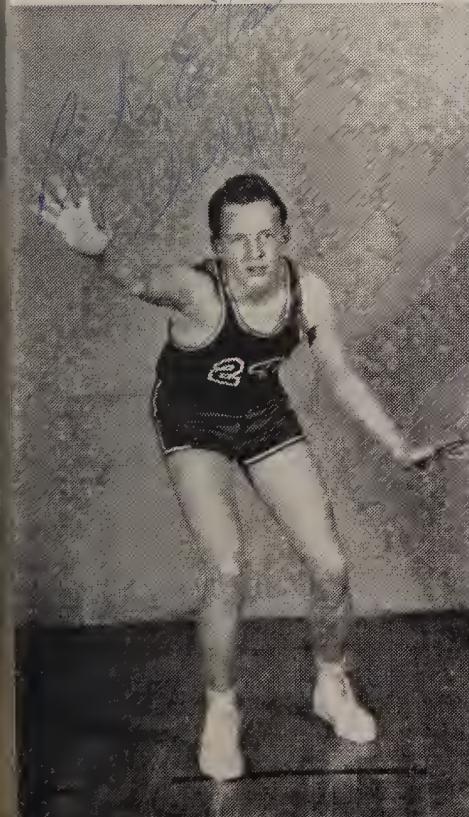
KENNY STREMLAU
guard—minor
junior



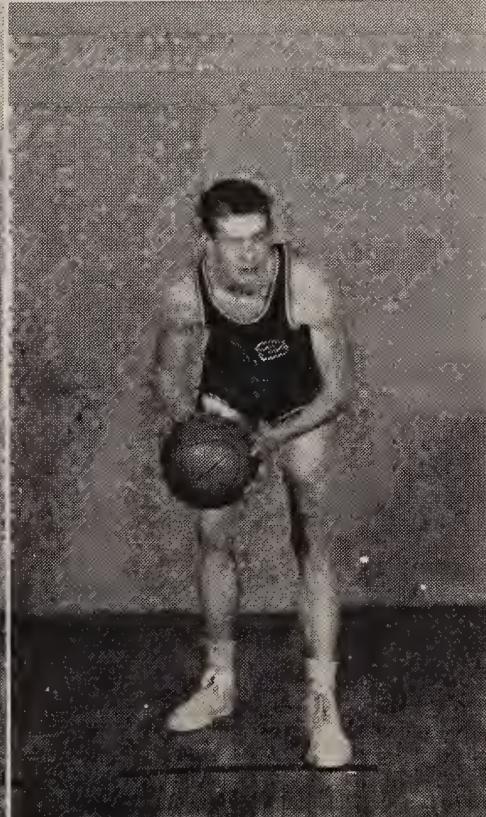
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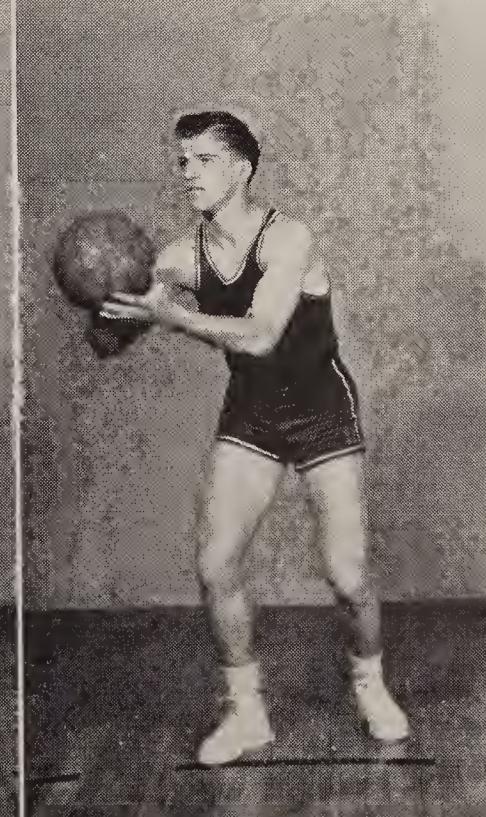
BOB MEALEY
center—major
senior



RICH ELSESSER
guard—minor
junior



TOM FABER
forward—major
senior



DICK FITZSIMMONS
guard—major
senior



DEAN MOSHER
team manager

Cooperation gives JAY TEES



STANDING: Coach Lewis, K. Nowlin, H. Johnson, D. Karl, M. Fayan, D. Sterchi, J. Keefe, J. Dougherty, B. Prescott
KNEELING: E. Peasley, H. Schmidt, J. Gehler, D. Van Etten, L. Dunn, D. Danekas, B. Gehler

*F*IGHT, determination, and confidence, says Coach Lewis, were the three qualities which led to a successful Jay Tee team. This hard working group of boys developed a smooth co-operating unit with emphasis on team play. Although this year's squad did not approach the amazing 17-5 record of last year, they proved themselves a tough ball club as they racked up a 12-8 season's record.

The starting lineup usually consisted of Johnson and Fayan at forwards, Dunn at center, and Sterchi and Peasley at guards. Coach Lewis also had a good supply of reserves at his disposal. They were Bill Gehler, Jack Keefe, Jim Gehler, Keith Nowlin, Dan Van Etten, Jack Dougherty, Dale Danekas, Howard Schmidt, and Bill Prescott.

The Jay Tees started the season off right by winning their first four contests. In the initial game of the season, they eked out a victory in a 14-11

low scoring tilt with South Beloit. They went on to defeat Earlville, 26-18; Sandwich, 24-23; and Amboy, 26-16.

They then met Sterling in their first conference game. The Golden Warriors proved too much for the Jay Tees as they rolled over the Mendota team 24-11. Two more losses followed. The Little Giants of Depue pounded out a 43-26 victory over the Jr. Trojans. Geneseo then gave the Jay Tees their second conference defeat. Score: 25-21.

The Jr. Trojans jumped back to the winning column by hammering a 22-15 score over Granville. Hall fell to the Jay Tees, 26-23, for their first conference victory.

The underclassmen ventured to Ottawa next, where the Pirates handed them their third conference loss, 44-30. The high light of an exciting season was the DeKalb game. The Barbs were undefeated when they met Mendota. The scrappy Jay

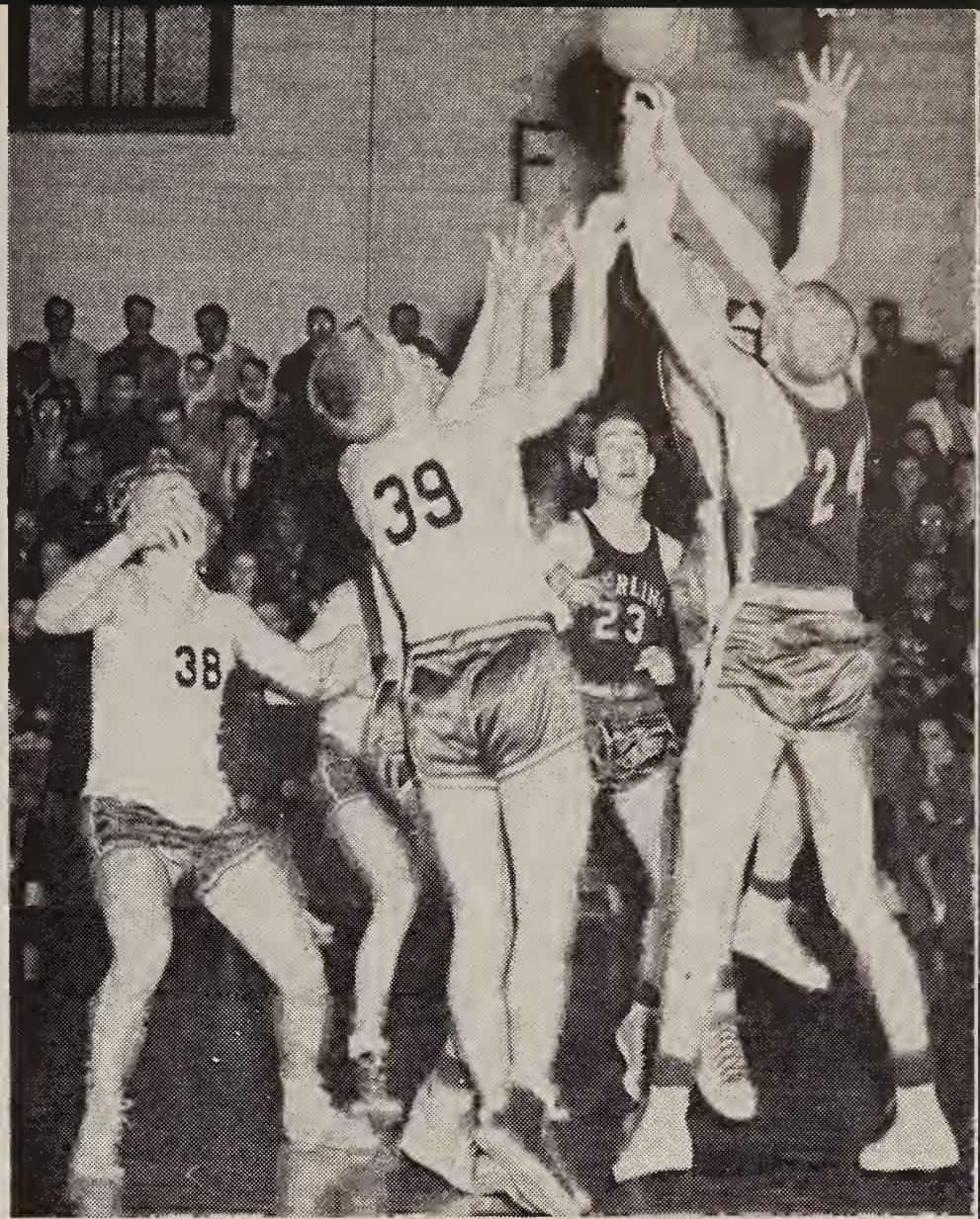
many wins

Tees, however, plunged into this much larger team and came through with a 34-30 victory.

After this rousing victory the Jay Tees journeyed to Mooseheart where they were manhandled 50 to 29. Depue again keelhauled the frosh soph team by a 41-24 score. Rochelle gave Mendota their fourth conference loss by a 23-17 margin.

The Jay Tees recovered from this series of losses and went on to win four straight. The first was a 38-33 conference win over the Rock Falls Rockets. Next they romped over Earlville, 37-19. The Jr. Trojans then swept over Amboy, 42-31. The Jay Tees scored their twelfth win of the season by polishing off Dixon in a conference tilt, 26-19. In their final game of the season, the Jay Tees were put on the run by the Princeton Tigers and were defeated 37-23.

Although winning only 4 out of 9 conference contests, the Jay Tees showed the spirit and willingness to win that is needed in the game of basketball. There is much good material in this team for the years to come.



Jay Tees pass in review

Harry Johnson was the hotshot of the Jay Tees. He proved himself deadly on set shots, as other teams soon discovered.

Leonard Dunn, spirited center, had a tricky way about him that fooled other teams. He made many a basket with his jump shot.

Doug Sterchi proved himself deadly on free throw tosses. He was a good defensive man also.

Max Fayan, forward, made many points with his set shots. He was a hard man to get the ball by on defense.

Ed Peasley and Bill Gehler "brought the ball down" for the Jay Tees. Both were sharpshooters.

Jack Keefe was an aggressive ballplayer. He could take the ball away from opponents when it was needed.

Jim Gehler, Keith Nowlin, and Dan Van Etten saw much action and gained valuable experience. Dale Danekas, Jack Dougherty, Howard Schmidt, and Bill Prescott got in many quarters and proved themselves aggressive boys.



FROSH-SOPH

CHEERLEADERS

URGE

THE JAY TEES

TO

"F-I-G-H-T"

Statistics show successful season

FROSH-SOPH INDIVIDUAL RECORDS

Name	FG	FT	FTM	PF	TTL
Johnson	35	31	32	45	101
Dunn	28	25	20	33	81
Sterchi	18	25	15	39	61
Fayen	20	20	19	26	60
Peasley	20	14	21	28	54
Keefe	17	12	19	50	46
B. Gehler	16	12	21	28	44
J. Gehler	3	13	17	19	19
Nowlin	6	2	11	11	14
Van Etten	4	5	9	14	15
Danekas	4	4	6	6	8
Dougherty	2	3	3	11	7
Schmidt	0	2	2	1	2
Prescott	0	0	0	1	0

FG—Field goals; FT—Free throws missed; FTM—Free throws made; PF—Personal fouls; TTL—Total points.

FROSH-SOPH MINOR LETTER AWARDS

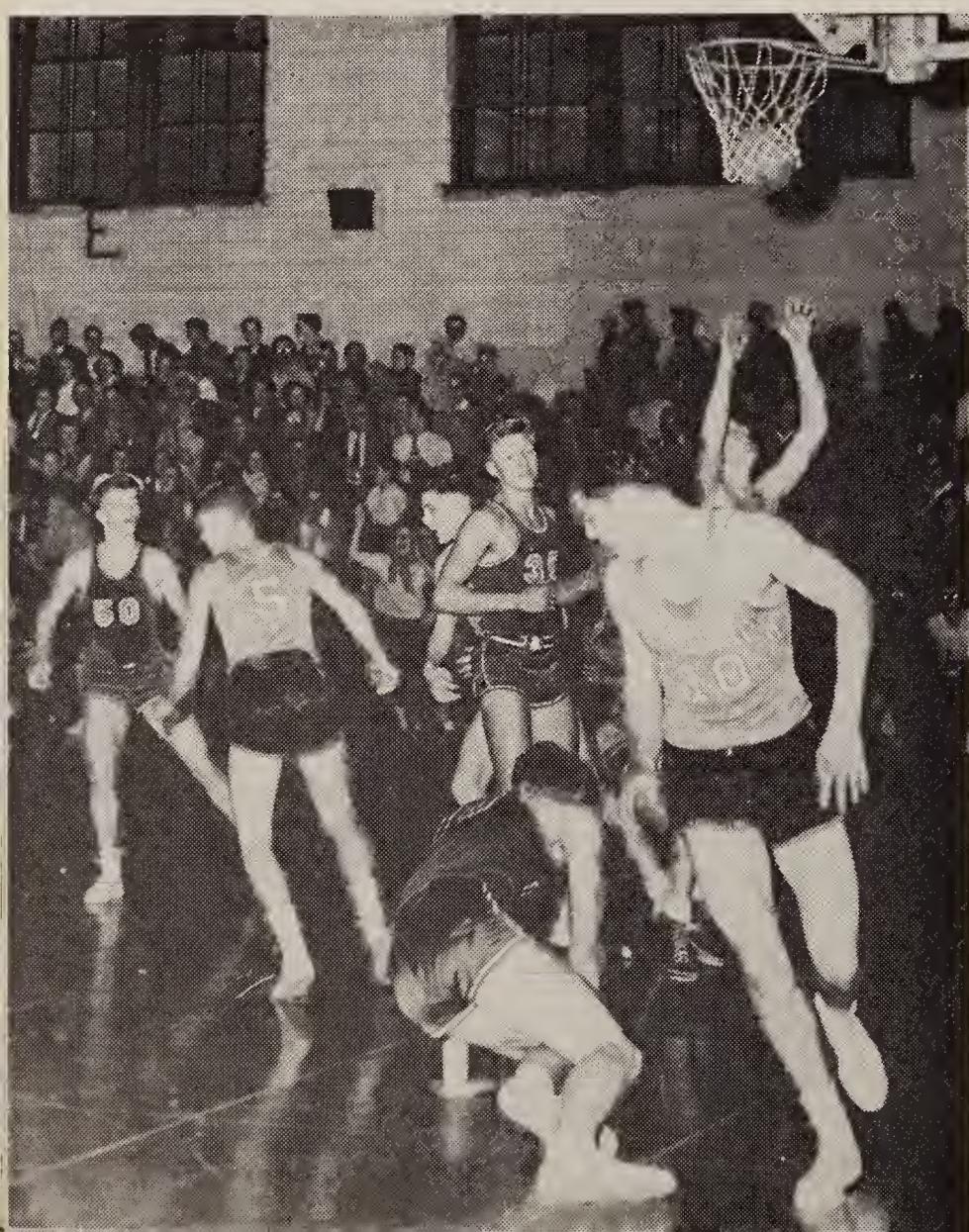
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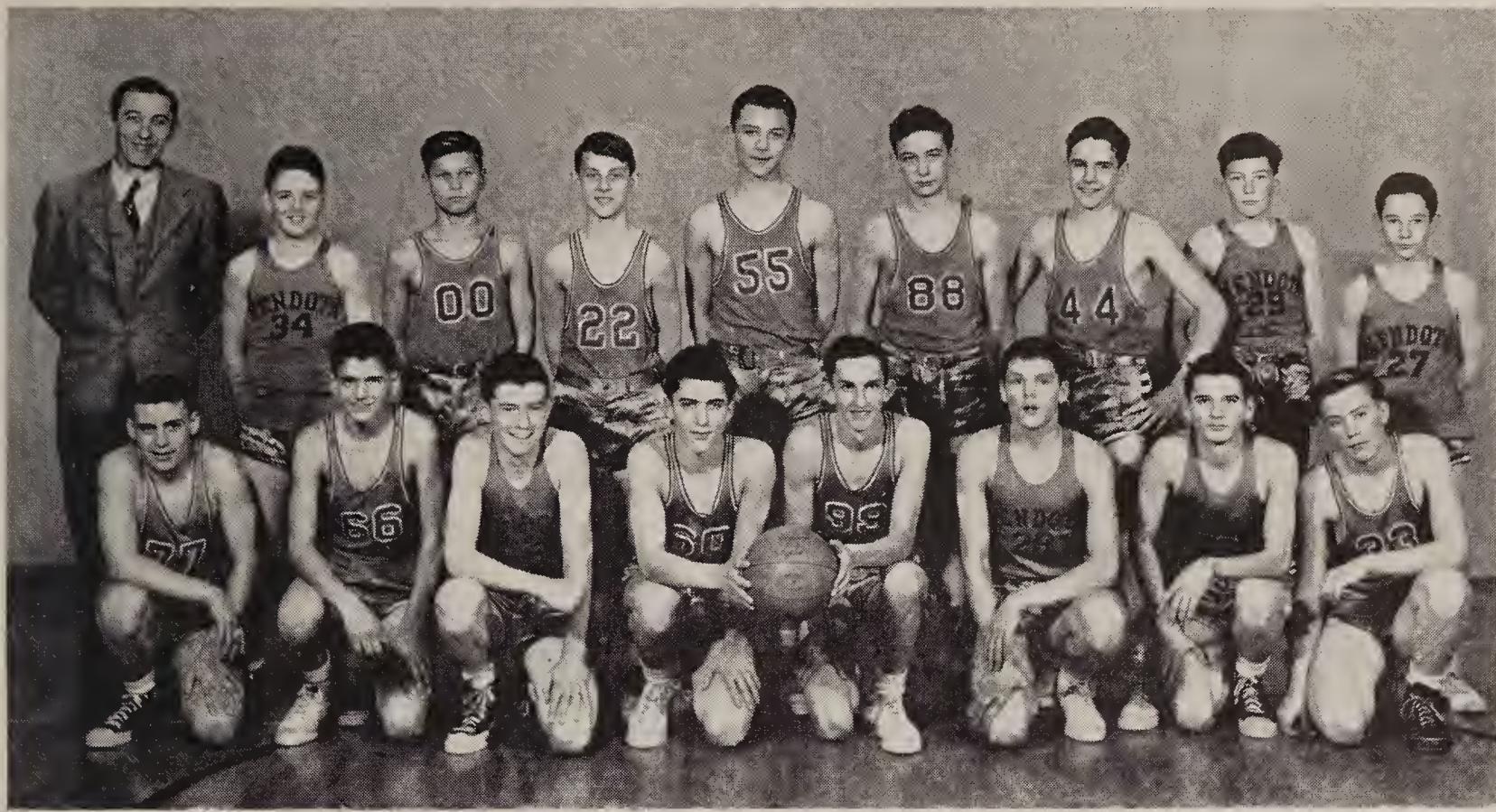
FROSH-SOPH SEASON RECORD

	WE	THEY
South Beloit	14	11
Earlville	26	18
Sandwich	24	23
Amboy	26	16
Sterling	11	24
DePue	26	43
Geneseo	21	25
Granville	22	15
Hall	26	23
Ottawa	30	44
South Beloit	31	21
DeKalb	34	30
Mooseheart	29	50
DePue	24	41
Rochelle	17	23
Rock Falls	38	33
Earlville	37	19
Amboy	42	31
Dixon	26	19
Princeton	23	37

VARSITY SCHEDULE

	WE	THEY
South Beloit	35	25
Earlville	43	40
Sandwich	54	35
Amboy	37	30
Sterling	41	51
Rock Falls (Xmas)	28	31
Amboy (Xmas)	49	40
DePue	41	45
Geneseo	48	44
Granville	47	42
Hall	44	34
Ottawa	46	66
South Beloit	85	40
DeKalb	34	42
Mooseheart	38	55
DePue	43	66
Rochelle	47	53
Rock Falls	44	55
Earlville	47	43
Amboy	61	45
Dixon	45	49
Princeton	39	45
Walnut (Regional)	40	42





STANDING: Mr. Gehler, B. Bromenschenkel, J. Wood, E. Politsch, C. Rohr, J. Rave, B. Gardner, G. Schmidt, J. Cummings
KNEELING: K. Ryan, J. Hochstatter, W. Castle, B. Fitzsimmons, B. Boykin, M. Hanson, R. Garrity, E. Nance

TROJETTES *get first taste* *of future sports' glory*

THE THRILL of competing in their first season of high school basketball was experienced by thirteen freshman boys. Being on the Trojette team was not all play. Much work and practice were needed to change the inexperienced group into a smoothly working unit.

After juggling the starting line-up around the first few games, Coach Gilbert Gehler decided on Kenny Ryan, Jerry Hochstatter, Bob Fitzsimmons, Jerry Woods, and Eugene Politsch to lead the team's strategy. Ryan led the scoring attack for the Trojettes with Hochstatter and Politsch close behind.

The Trojettes broke even in the win and loss column, winning five and losing five. The team learned the thrill of being on the long end of the score and the determination to do better next time after coming out on the losing side.

Few of the team will forget the feeling of accomplishment from beating Hall and Paw Paw after losing to them previously in the season. Marquette fell to the Trojettes twice while the team was over-powered by LaSalle-Peru twice during the season. The team was also defeated by Ottawa, but Earlville could not overcome the lead piled up by the Trojettes.

The team is composed solely of freshmen to give more boys an active part in sports. Varsity players must get their beginning somewhere, and the Trojette team is that beginning.

FRESHMAN SCHEDULE

We	They	We	They
28	Earlville	6	14
11	Marquette	10	28
23	PawPaw	34	18
16	LaSalle-Peru	44	33
19	LaSalle-Peru	50	17
			Ottawa
			PawPaw
			Hall
			Hall
			Marquette



BACK ROW: S. Spenader, P. Roth, B. Cudaback, J. Waller, D. Marsch, C. Truckenbrad, V. Drees, M. Janes, J. Klein, N. Wolfe, D. Rider, C. Hoffman, E. Herbert, D. Jardan
FIFTH ROW: H. Buntan, J. Sibigtrath, D. Bumba, D. McLaughlin, M. Ehlers, M. Spanier, C. Roehm, J. Brawn, J. Slater, K. Jauch, C. Laach, C. Amfahr, J. Gray
FOURTH ROW: M. Greenwaad, V. Smith, D. Ohlinger, D. Preston, A. Williams, M. Biers, M. Walter, J. Williams, V. Heinzerath, W. Brawn, L. Schlesinger, M. Sheridan, J. Sanntag, D. McConville
THIRD ROW: L. Dewey, L. Svendsen, S. Radtke, S. Haadley, S. Kilburn, C. Jackson, J. Dunn, M. Ebbinghaus, E. Waad, V. Navak, S. Yost, B. Geil, B. Preston
SECOND ROW: O. Spenader, P. Corcaran, A. McManus, M. Cark, L. Eicharn, B. Bialas, M. Bruckner, D. Martin, N. Lucas, P. Heininger, D. Hoelzer, S. Davis, E. Henry
SEATED: J. Lambert, N. Steele, J. Zimmerman, M. Kidd, J. Sanntag, H. Shed, J. Reid, B. Campbell, E. Jewel, Mr. Harrington

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*C*HORUS this year had scheduled periods during the school day. Many more people participated in choral work and worked into a large number of solos and ensembles. Mr. Ross Harrington, Mr. William Pierce, and, after Mr. Pierce left, Mr. Ernest Schlick directed the vocal groups. The training started with the fundamentals of good singing and voices were developed through use of exercises.

Girls' chorus and boys' glee club participated in a North Central Illinois Music Festival at Rochelle. Some of the vocal groups appeared on programs for civic and school organizations.

At the district music contest solos were sung by Beverly Preston, who received first, Joyce Waller, Joan Klein, Carol Roehm, James Finley, who all received second and Robert McConville who received third. The girls sextet and the boys quartet received second division ratings.

1949 TRACK

*season renewes
interest
in
school records*

VARSITY TRACK RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
100 yd dash	L. Reeder	10.2	1938
	D. Westerman	10.2	1948
	A. Richard	10.2	1949
220 yd dash	J. Buck	23.0	1921
440 yd dash	D. Serup	51.0	1948
880 yd run	R. Larkin	2:02.0	1941
1 mile run	R. Larkin	4:40.0	1941
120 yd H. H.	P. Faber	15.6	1948
200 yd L. H.	D. Westerman	22.4	1947
Pole Vault	W. Hawke	12' 3"	1947
High Jump	G. Hessenberger	5' 10½"	1935
Shot Put	E. Olson	45' 8"	1930
Broad Jump	G. Hessenberger	21' 3"	1935
Discus	W. Hawke	136' 10½"	1947
880 yd Relay	L. Brewbaker	1:34.2	1948
	P. Faber		
	D. Serup		
	D. Westerman		
Javelin	D. Whitmore	200'	1939

FROSH SOPH TRACK RECORDS

EVENT	NAME	RECORD	YEAR
100 Yd. Dash	A. Richard	10.2	1949
220 Yd. Dash	A. Richard	23.9	1949
440 Yd. Dash	A. Wood	55.0	1948
880 Yd. Run	A. Loach	2:16.5	1947
Mile Run	R. Waller	5:13.4	1947
70 Yd. H. H.	P. Faber	10.1	1946
	K. Stremlau		1949
110 Yd. L. H.	D. Westerman	13.0	1949
Relay (440 Yd.)	Eckert, Westerman, 47		
	Brewbaker, Serup		1946
Shot Put	K. Stremlau	40' 1½"	1949
Discus	M. Ehlers	110' 1"	1948
Pole Vault	J. Hickock	10' 5"	1946
High Jump	J. Hickock	5' 5"	1946
	C. Wilhelm		1946
Broad Jump	L. Brewbaker	18' 9"	1946

*M*ENDOTA'S 1949 track season had its bright spots in spite of the gloom due to a disappointing record in competition. Some of the bright spots were Al Richard's 10.2 time in the 100 yd. dash and Gib Glaser's convincing victories in the 440. Al's dash equalled the school record. Gib copped 5 first and 3 second places, and his best time was 53.8. Bob Mealey came through in fine style as he posted 5 victories in the high jump. Jim Schwemlein, one of two seniors on the squad, proved to be the most consistent scorer. He grabbed 8 first places in his specialties, the shot and disc, and these points, combined with many others he collected, gave him a grand total of 78 points for the season. The Stremlau boys were the "Ironmen" of the squad as they could do almost anything. Their specialties were the dashes and hurdles.

The Trojans took meets from LaMoille and Sandwich only, while losing 7 engagements. Most of these were triangular affairs with such teams as Hall, L-P, Ottawa, Princeton, Geneseo, and Streator. Gib Glaser won a third place in the district. The Trojans were shut out in the conference meet at Sterling.

Although the season was not too successful so far as wins and losses are concerned it did give many boys experience for this year's squad. Ten of the twelve boys on the squad are back this year and are expected to compete in the 1950 track season.

1949 Track Lettermen

Varsity
 Jim Schwemlein
 Bill Budach
 Marvin Ehlers
 Al Wood
 Gib Glaser
 Bob Mealey
 Curt Van Etten
 Tom Faber
 Bernie Stremlau
 Kenny Stremlau
 Al Richard
 Norman Hoover

Frosh-Soph
 Don Abbott
 Delbert Edgcomb
 Jim McCormick
 Benny Durand
 Glen Eich
 Bill Prescott
 Jim Eichorn

People you know. . . .

and places that are familiar



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1. How undignified! GAA initiation was the bugbear of many new members
2. Dance of the hour. Noonhour dancing led to more participation at school dances
3. Purely platonic, at least we think it's that way now
4. Favorite subject — noontime, favorite recreation — just dinking
5. Trio from "Echo": Pete, Repeat, and Say-it again
6. "Charlie, my boy! you thrill me."
7. Glamor Gal Mershon and Mr. X of the converted convertible
8. "If I had the wings of an angel" — nuff' said
9. Rogerius rides again! — and behind such a spirited charger
10. Returning to pigtails and lollipops for the thrill of a birthday party
11. Partners in crime
12. Jolly Time supersalesmen, or, Who ate up all the profits?
13. Lonesome? Make applications here
14. Are you coming in, too? Who could refuse that invitation?
15. Co-operate a little, Tom
16. Overtime on her hands.



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Students at MHS Choose to Learn
in View of the Crossroad to Come,
Learn to Choose as the Crossroad
Draws Near, and, as

SENIORS OF 1950,

Choose Their Road of the Future



good luck
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ES, WE as seniors have finally reached the crossroads what's next depends on us daily we are asked, "What are you going to do next year?" some of us have prepared ourselves for college others have trained for business many will enter skilled trades a few will go directly into homemaking among us there will be farmers, mechanics, and grocers there will be nurses, stenographers, and teachers there may even be a doctor and a lawyer and an author among us.

We've set our course and followed it, although our objective may have changed two or three times we've received vocational guidance conferences, advice, warnings, and encouragement now we feel that we are ready to make our most crucial decision — the choice of our life work and career the road to tomorrow lies open before us.

"Often a retrospection delights the mind." — Dante

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AS THE CLASS of 1950 donned their graduating caps and gowns, prepared to enter the auditorium for the last time as students, the memories of the few short but successful years spent at MHS passed through their minds as they will many times in the future. Looking back over the years, few will ever forget the trials and rewards of their high school days.

On a bright, crisp September morning in the fall of '46, eighty-two young and innocent freshmen entered the halls of MHS for the first time. How can we ever forget the high lights of our year as "freshies"?



FOUR YEARS AGO THE MIGHTY TROJANS LOOKED LIKE THIS!

The first big event — the annual freshman party Miss Pottinger and "Winkum" friendships started that may last forever the big clean-up committee oh, those stacks of dirty dishes Then the All-School party we tried our hand at advertising it our chance to get acquainted with the other classes.

The next event on our agenda was the class election. With some confusion and a lot of enthusiasm, the class officers were elected. Curtiss Van Etten was chosen president; Dick Fitzsimmons, vice-president; and Carol Pohl, secretary-treasurer. Nancy Blotch, Nancy Cummings, George Leonard, and Walter Engelbrecht were elected to represent our class on the student council.

This was the last year of the "Old Time" GAA initiations the boys couldn't believe it, but the girls knew it was all too true counting floor boards eating under the table leading a cheer before the assembly proposing to randomly selected men lipstick and spaghetti all over at last we were GAA members.

The boys centered their interests around football and basketball. In football the freshman squad was small but much valuable experience was gained from many hours of hard practice with a powerful sophomore team. Muscles were developed in the process, too. In basketball the frosh team, coached by Mr. Morris, upheld the honor of the class by winning 15 games and losing only 5.

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OUR OFFICERS WHEN WE
WERE SOPHOMORES

THOUGH only three months elapsed from the end of the freshman year to the beginning of the sophomore year, the once timid freshmen had changed to confident sophomores.

Once again the competition in class election was keen; we chose to lead our class LaVere Gray as president, Marvin Ehlers as vice-president, and Betty Rave as secretary-treasurer. Carol Pohl was elected to help represent the sophomore class on the student council.

The boys that year worked hard to secure and hold their positions on the football and basketball squads. How they remember: LaVere's captaining both teams through successful seasons the tough DeKalb game the 0-0 tie in the Rock Falls "dust bowl" the Princeton game — the clock ran out In basketball, 16 wins in 23 starts the disputed DePue game the DeKalb thriller — we won 22-21.

In the first annual homecoming, the sophomore class selected Lillian Svendsen to be queen and ride on the float. Betty Brown and Marie Kreiser were her attractive attendants. Our class's first venture into float-making turned out one of the sleekest looking floats in the parade.

Two new things were added to MHS new band uniforms and the FHA years of tag days finally paid off we felt so military in our blue uniforms even more so when people saluted us Our potential housekeepers organized into the Future Homemakers of America bringing cheer at Christmas by caroling enjoying a joint picnic with the FFA .



PROM PLANNING COMMITTEE

FOURTH ROW: D. Worsley, J. Finley, C. Van Etten, T. Faber, M. Ehlers
THIRD ROW: P. Martin, L. Svendsen, M. Bruck, B. Shoemaker, A. Rohs, C. Hoffman, E. Bunnell
SECOND ROW: J. Truckenbrod, B. Rave, Mr. Lewis, Miss Payne, D. Fitzsimmons
FIRST ROW: B. Brown, G. Larson, N. Cummings, N. Blotch

H I S T O R Y

Our prom in **CANDY- LAND**

AT last, now we were upper-classmen we pounded the rainy sidewalks with the seniors to secure broadcasting contracts finally the great decision — we chose our class rings our homecoming queen, Arlene Rohs, went "swinging on a star" her attendants, Jeannine Dunn and Nancy Mathesius.

To lead our class, Marvin Ehlers was chosen as president, Tom Faber as vice-president, and Nancy Blotch as secretary-treasurer. LaVere Gray and Dale McConville were selected to help represent the class on the student council.

A number of juniors achieved positions on the first string of the football squad. Although the season wasn't very successful, a sound basis was formed for the following football season. The basketball season was more rewarding, showing 16 wins and 9 losses.

At last prom time came crepe paper, 'til we thought we'd go mad our first formal dance and then it had to rain the banquet Marvin's welcome to the seniors the peppermint entrance to Candyland dancing under a gumdrop sky and a "milky way" the sweet music from the candy band box we left to dream of lollipops and candy canes.





CAST OF CHARACTERS

STANDING: N. Blotch, student director; M. Ehlers, MacIntosh; C. Von Etten, Arthur Hole; R. DuBois, Oswald Kerins; J. Coonen, Thompson; J. Finley, Yomi; Mr. Pourchot, director
SEATED: B. Rove, Ermo Lowrie; M. Wogner, Mystery Woman; M. Arnette, Aunt Sophie; J. Dunn, Peg VonNess; C. Pohl, Mrs. Murdock

Tiger House

Shivery, shakey, spine-tin-gling story of horrendous doings in an isolated house habited by a horrible man-mauling tiger.

Our first experience in dramatics was a mystery-comedy. We learned that producing a play had more to it than acting. The stage crews and committees did many of the less glamorous tasks which are essential to a production.

How many of these do you remember: Mr. Pourchot's patience Roger's sweet little "nightie" the letter that fell from the picture frame! the tiger claws that appeared from the bookcase the "diurnal lepidopterous insect" the quick revision of script during the performance our lovely portrait of dear "Aunt Sylvia" the screeching when her painted eyes and the lamp lit up the mysterious woman from the sinking boat Carol's dour Mrs. Murdock.



JUNIOR PLAY COMMITTEES

TOP ROW: C. Hoffmon, D. McConville, T. Fober, J. Keller, C. Van Etten, B. McConville, J. King, K. Piller
THIRD ROW: M. Goubeaux, L. Botts, E. Stein, B. Johnson, B. Shoemaker, E. Bunnell, P. Martin
SECOND ROW: B. Rove, Mr. Pourchot, Mrs. Doenier, Mr. Gehler, Miss Poyne, Mr. Wedemeyer, Mr. Lewis, G. Lorson
FIRST ROW: M. Johnson, N. Blotch, C. Prescott, D. Bouer, B. Brown, N. Cummings



SENIOR CLASS OFFICERS

STANDING: D. Worsley, Vice-Pres.; Mr. Mauntel, Mr. LeMarr, J. Finley, Pres.
SEATED: Miss Swanson, Miss Breese, B. Shoemaker, Sec.-Treas.

*C*HOSEN to guide us through the many problems that confronted us as seniors, was Jim Finley, our president. We selected Don Worsley as vice-president and Betty Shoemaker as secretary-treasurer to help Jim; Dick Fitzsimmons was elected to help represent us on the student council.

Sports, as always, held a prominent place in the eyes of many of the boys. Don Worsley and LaVere Gray captained the football team; Curt Van Etten and LaVere led the basketball squad. Betty Brown also showed her interest in sports as varsity cheerleader all four years.

The class elected Martha Jones and Dick Fitzsimmons to reign as queen and king of our hearts on our homecoming float. Their attendants were Betty Rave and Delbert Didier.

As we reminisce over our senior year, we remember our prepared-at-the-last-minute pep session the pop corn machine, pop cooler, and deep freeze "Meet Me in St. Louis" our last football game the exchange of senior photos the feeling we had when the other classes registered for next year and we didn't ordering our graduation invitations our last high school prom the final flurry of excitement as solemn Baccalaureate passed, preparation was made for class day, and finally we heard the opening strains of "Pomp and Circumstance."

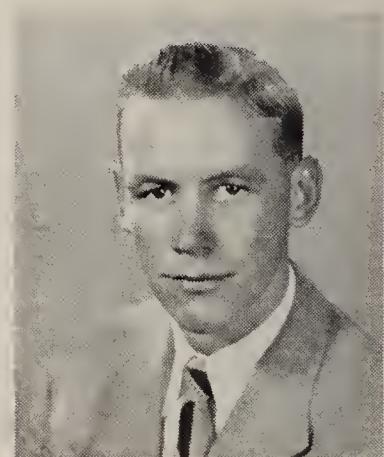
As the class of 1950 donned their graduating caps, these memories of the four short years at MHS undoubtedly passed through their minds. But there isn't much time to reminisce. We're at the crossroads of the future now. We've traveled one road to the end but others lie open before us.

At last!

JAMES FINLEY
College Preparatory

BETTY SHOEMAKER
College Preparatory

DON WORSLEY
Diversified Occupations



*Good luck on
your night school plan*

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Lots of "Bonne"
Louie Bauer

CAROL JEAN AMFAHR
Business Course



DEAN L. BAUER
Agriculture

NANCY M. BLOTH
College Preparatory



WILLIAM D. BUCK
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LOLA BOTTS
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BETTY BROWN
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DELBERT DIDIER
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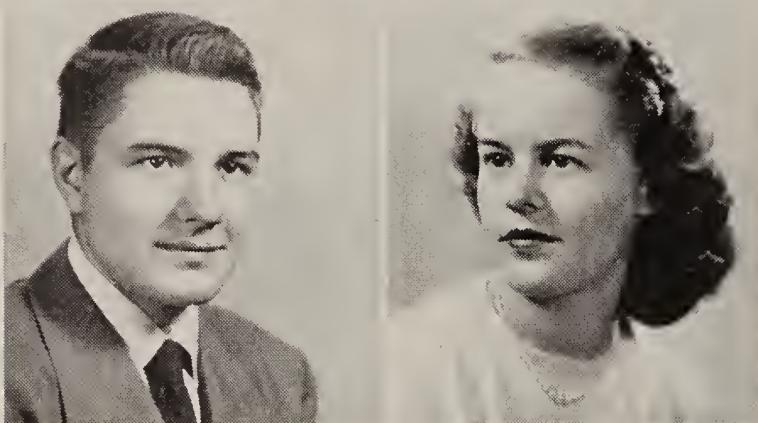
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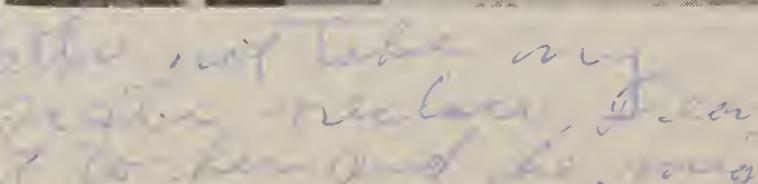
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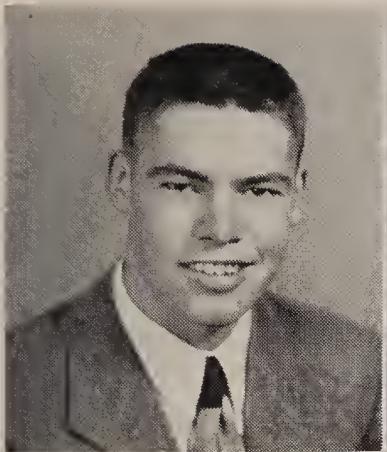
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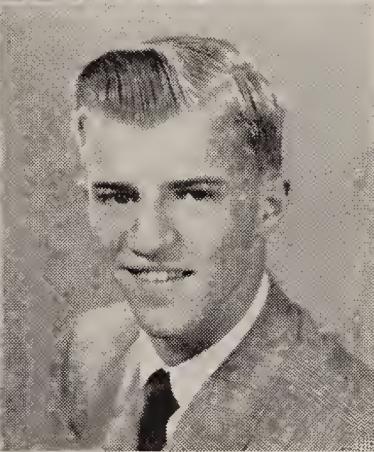
Best of luck to you at
softball and basketball
play, I hope
good care of Pat.

SALLY GORMAN
Business Course

Please, will take my
best wishes, I am sure Sally
will be well brought up.



LAVERE GRAY
Diversified Occupations



CAROL HOFFMAN
College Preparatory



DICK FITZSIMMONS
Diversified Occupations

*I want to at least look tough
next year in football.*

*Dick Fitzsimmons
'50*

BEVERLY JOHNSON
Business Course

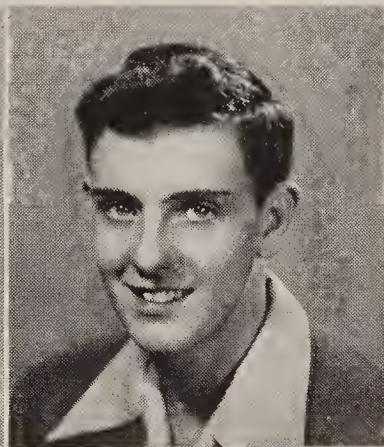
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College Preparatory

GRETA LARSON
Business Course

JESS KING
College Preparatory

NANCY MATHESIUS
Home Economics

JON DINGES
Agriculture



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GILBERT GLASER
Agriculture



NANCY KETTLEBOROUGH
Home Economics



JAMES FITZGERALD
Diversified Occupations



MARJORIE GOUBEAUX
Nursing

MAX JAUCH JR.
Diversified Occupations

MARY LOU JOHNSON
Business Course



DALE McCONVILLE
Agriculture

*Best of luck to a swell
guy*
Dale
'50

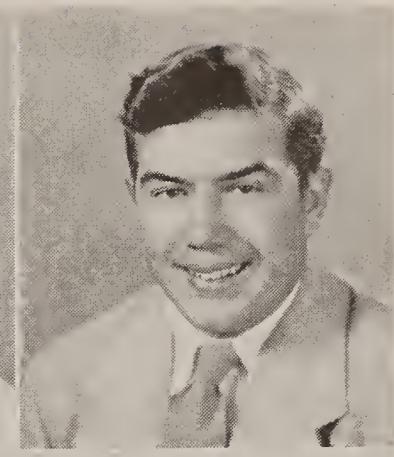
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JOANNE MERSHON
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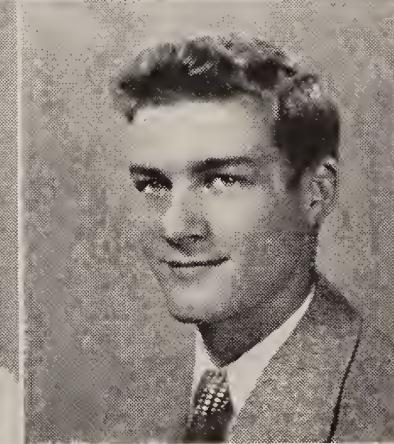
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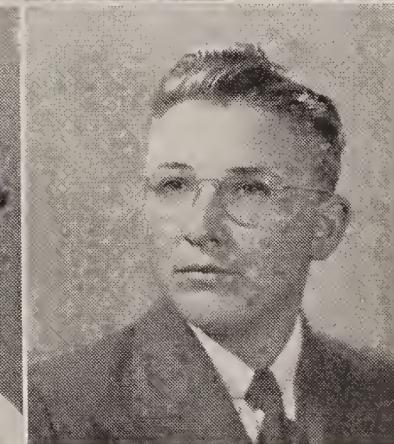
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Marta Jones
College Preparatory



Bobbie Lee
Darlene Opsal
Home Economics



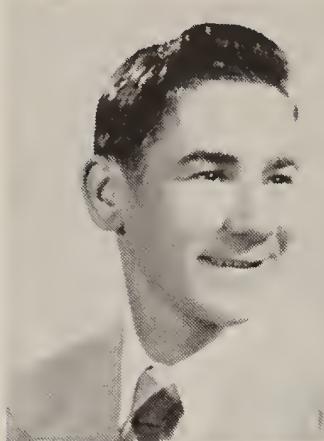
Bobbie Lee
Delphine Opsal
Home Economics



Betty Rave
College Preparatory



Betty Rave
Marlin Hoelzer
Agriculture



KENNETH PILLER
Agriculture

*Sponsor for all the rules
Best of luck to the Prescotts*

CHARLES PRESCOTT
College Preparatory



BOB ROACH
Diversified Occupations

DONNA MOMENY
College Preparatory



Curtiss Van Etten
CURTISS VAN ETSEN
College Preparatory

DOROTHY MORRIS
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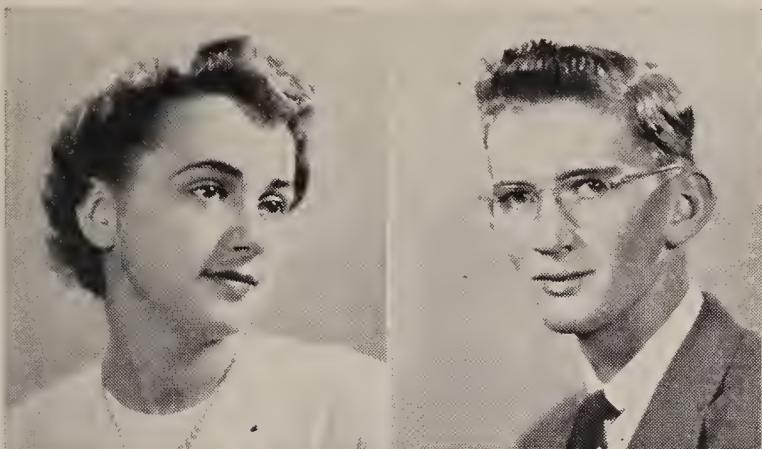
Best of luck
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College Preparatory

ARLENE ROHS
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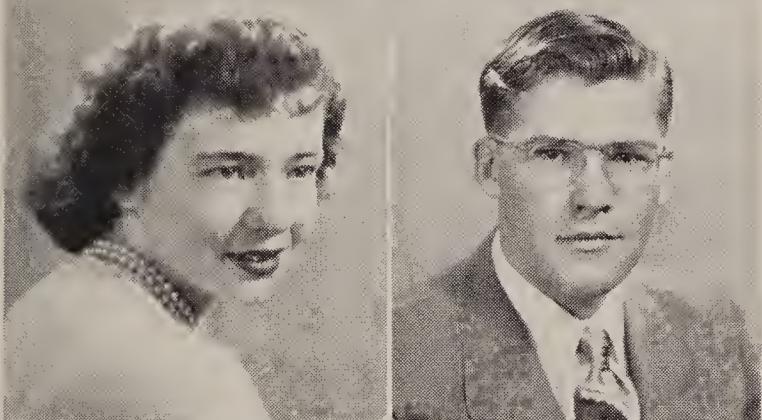


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JAMES WITTMAN
College Preparatory

Betty Jean
ELAINE STEIN
Business Course



LILLIAN SVENSEN
College Preparatory



ROBERT J. McCONVILLE
Agriculture



MARJORIE WHITMORE
Business Course

JACK TRUCKENBROD
Diversified Occupations

*Best of luck
To a new fellow
Jack Truckenbrod*

LOIS WIXOM
Diversified Occupations

PATRICK E. SMITH JR.
Diversified Occupations



MARILEE WAGNER
Nursing

JAMES ROD
Agriculture

DOROTHY ZIMMERMAN
Business Course

BETTY ROACH
Business Course

SENIOR DATA

"And, departing, leave behind us—"

CAROL JEAN AMFAHR

Class Play Usher 4; Ticket Committee 4; Publicity & Program 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Sextet 4; Instrumental Soloist 3, 4; Prom Committees 3; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance & Service 4

DEAN L. BAUER

Class Play Property Committee 3; Stage Committee 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Prom Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

NANCY M. BLOTH

Secretary Treasurer 3; Class Play 4; Student Director 3; Prompter 3; Costume Committee 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3; Octet 1; Speech Contestant 3; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Asst. Editor 4; Latin Club 3; Vice-President 3; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Secretary Treasurer 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4; Sales Committee 3; Atodnem Co-Editor, Finance, Production & Copy 4

LOLA BOTTS

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

BETTY BROWN

Class Play Make Up Committee 3, 4; Conference Play Student Director & Make Up 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice-President 4; Baseball Manager 3; Prom Committees 3; Ring Committee 3; Cheerleader 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 1, 2, 3, 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Program Chrm. 2; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Maintenance & Copy 4

MARY JANE BRUCK

Class Play 4; Stage Committee 4; Prom Committees 3; Cadets 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; FHA 1, 2; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Typing & Copy 4

WILLIAM D. BUCK

Freeport High School 1/2 year; Class Play Stage Committee 2, 3, 4; Football 2; Cross Country 3; Prom Committees 3; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Contest Play Stage Mgr. 4

ELSIE BUNNELL

Class Play Usher 3; Prompter 4; Publicity & Program Committee 4; Band 1; Prom Committees 3; Cadets 1; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Cheerleader 1, 2; Fresh-Soph. 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Maintenance & Copy 4

JERRY COONEN

Class Play 3, 4; Conference Play 4; Contest Play 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4; Band Sec. Treas. 4

NANCY CUMMINGS

Class Play 4; Costume Committee 4; Make Up 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Treasurer 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 1, 2; Instrumental Ensemble 1, 2, 3, 4; Band Sec. Treas. 3; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Student Council 1, 2, 3, 4; Sec. Treas. 3; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Production 4

DELBERT DIDIER

FFA 1, 2, 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JON DINGES

Sycamore High School 2 years; FFA 3, 4; Reporter 3; Atodnem Finance 4

ROGER DUBOIS

Class Play 3, 4; Band 1, 2; Debate 2; Speech Contestant 4; NFL Associate Member 4; Broadcasting Council Technicians 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JEANNINE DUNN

Class Play 3, 4; Make Up 4; Conference Play 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Social Chrm. 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Prom Committees 3; Ring Committee 3; Cadets 1; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committee 4; Broadcasting Council Copy & Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

WILLIAM H. EBBINGHAUS

J. C. Donnell High School, Findlay, Ohio 1, Rochelle Twp. High School 2, 3; Debate 4; Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; NFL Active Member 4; Atodnem Finance, Copy & Production Staff 4

MARVIN EHLERS

President 3; Vice President 2; Class Play 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Debate 2, 3; Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committees 3; Ring Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; NFL Active Member 2, 4; Broadcasting Council Technicians 3, 4; Announcing Staff 4; Sales Committee 3; Atodnem Business Manager, Finance, Copy, & Production Staff 4

ELAINE EICHORN

Class Play Usher 4; GAA 1; Prom Committee 3; FHA 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

TOM FABER

Vice President 3; Class Play 4; Ticket Committee 3, 4; Costume Committee 4; Property Committee 3, 4; Stage Committee 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JAMES FINLEY

President 4; Class Play 3; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; President 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Boys Chorus 3, 4; Octet 3; Vocal Soloist 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3, 4; Prcm Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance, Copy, & Production Staff 4

JAMES FITZGERALD

D. O. Club 4

DICK FITZSIMMONS

Vice President 1; Class Play Ticket Committee 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 4; Varsity 4; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming King 4; Student Council 4; Broadcasting Council Sales Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

GILBERT GLASER

Lee Center 2 1/2 years; Class Play Stage Committee 3; FFA 4; Football 1, Varsity 4; Track 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DEAN GORDON

Princeton Twp. High School 1; Band 2, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4; D. O. Club 4

SALLY ANN GORMAN

Class Play Usher 4; Make Up 4; Prcm Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; Cheerleader 4; Varsity 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance & Typing 4

MARJORIE GOUBEAUX

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Band 1; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance 4

LAVERE GRAY

President 2; Class Play Stage Committee 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Captain 2; Co-Captain 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Captain 2; Co-Captain 4; Track 2, 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; Student Council 3, 4; D. O. Club 4

ROBERT HAROLDT

Taft Jr. High School 1; Central High School 2, 3; Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Football 4; Varsity 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DONALD HITCHINS

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

MARLIN HOELZER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Vice President 4; Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance 4

CAROL HOFFMAN

Class Play 4; Stage Committee 4; Make Up 3; Conference Play 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 1, 2, 3, 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Atodnem Finance, Production & Typing 4; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee Chrm. 3, 4

MAX JAUCH JR.

D. O. Club 4; Vice President 4; Atodnem Finance 4

EDWARD JOERGER

FFA 1, 2, 3, 4; Watch Dog 2; Football 2, 3, 4; Varsity 3, 4; Track 2; Prom Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

BEVERLY JOHNSON

Class Play Usher 3, 4; Publicity & Program 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball Manager 4; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; FHA 2; Atodnem Finance, Service, Maintenance & Typing 4

MARY LOU JOHNSON

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4; GAA 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3; Homecoming Committee 4; FHA 2, 3, 4, Reporter 4; Atodnem Finance, Service, Copy & Typing 4

MARTHA JEAN JONES

Joliet High School 1, 2, 3; Glee Club 4, President 4; Sextet 4; Homecoming Queen 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JOHN KELLER

Class Play 4, Property Committee 3, 4; Basketball 1, 4, Varsity 4; Football 2; Team Manager 3; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Sports Editor 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

NANCY KETTLEBOROUGH

Class Play 4; GAA 1, 2; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JESS KING

Class Play Property Committee 3, 4, Stage Committee 3, 4; Conference Play 3, 4; Contest Play 2; Team Manager 1; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

GRETA LARSON

Class Play Usher 3, Property Committee 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Basketball Manager 4, Freshman Rep. 1; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Ring Committee 3; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; FHA 1, 2, 3, 4; President 3, Secretary 2; Broadcasting Council Traffic Committee 3, 4; Announcing Staff 4; Atodnem Finance, Copy & Typing 4

DALE McCONVILLE

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 3, Publicity & Program 3, 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, Vice President 3, Reporter 2; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 2, 3, 4; Student Council 3, 4, Vice President 4; Atodnem Finance 4

ROBERT J. McCONVILLE

Class Play Usher 3; FFA 1, 2, 3, Secretary 3, Watch Dog 3; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Boys Chorus 2, 3, 4; Octet 2, 3, 4; Vocal Soloist 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DON MAHAFFEY

FFA 2, 3, 4, Reporter 3; Basketball 1; Band 1; Prom Committees 3; Atodnem Finance 4

DUANE MARCUM

Dixon High School 1/2 year; Class Play Stage Committee 2; Football 2; Prom Committees 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4, President 4

PATRICIA MARTIN

Class Play Usher 3, 4, Publicity & Program 4; Glee Club 2; Prom Committee 3; Latin Club 3; FHA 1, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

NANCY MATHESIUS

Class Play 4, Costume Committee 4; GAA 1, 2; Band 2; Glee Club 1; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance 4

ROBERT MEALEY

Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

JOANNE MERSHON

Rochelle High School 1, 2, 3; Class Play Usher 4; Ticket Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4; Atodnem Finance, Typing & Maintenance 4

DONNA MOMENY

Class Play Property Committee 3; GAA 1, 2; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committee 3; FHA 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

DOROTHY MORRIS

Depue High School 1, 2; Class Play Publicity & Program 4; Conference Play 4; Atodnem Finance 4

WESLEY MUNSON

FFA 1, 2, 3; Football 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

DARLENE OPSAL

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 3, Publicity & Program 4; GAA 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance 4

DELPHINE OPSAL

Class Play Usher 3, Ticket Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4, Make Up 4; GAA 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance & Service 4

KENNETH PILLER

Class Play 4, Property Committee 3, 4; Conference Play 4; FFA 1, 2, 3, 4, Vice President 4; Basketball 1, 2; Prom Committee 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

CAROL POHL

Secretary Treasurer 1; Class Play 3, 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, President 4; Treasurer 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Glee Club 2; Band Vice President 3; Debate 2, 3, 4, Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committees 2, 3, 4; Student Council 2, 3, 4, President 4; NFL 2, 3, 4, President 4; Broadcasting Council Sales Committee 3; GAA Track Manager 2; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

CHARLES PRESCOTT

Class Play 4, Stage Committee 3; Basketball 1; Cross Country 3; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Homecoming Committee 3, 4; Broadcasting Council Traffic Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance 4

BETTY RAVE

Secretary Treasurer 2; Class Play 3, Student Director 4, Ticket Committees 3, 4, Costume Committee 4, Publicity & Program 4; Contest Play 4; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Social Chrm. 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 4, Varsity 4; Speech Contestant 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Committees 2, 3, 4; NFL 4, Active Member 4; Broadcasting Council Announcing Staff 4, Sales 3, 4; Instrumental Ensemble 4; Atodnem Co-Editor, Finance, Production & Copy 4

BETTY ROACH

Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

BOB ROACH

Track 3, 4, Varsity 3; Cross Country 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Instrumental Soloist 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

JAMES ROD

FFA 1, 2, Vice President 2; Atodnem Finance 4

ARLENE ROHS

Class Play 4, Make Up 3; Conference Play 4; Speech Contestant 2, 4; Prom Committees 3; Hi-Light Staff 4, Editor 4; Homecoming Committee 4, Queen 3; FHA 1, 2, 3; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

BETTY SHOEMAKER

Secretary Treasurer 4; Class Play Usher 4, Costume Committee 3; GAA 1, 2, 3, 4, Individual Sports Manager 3; Glee Club 3; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 2; Homecoming Committee 3; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Typing & Production 4

PATRICK E. SMITH, JR.

Homecoming Committee 4; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

ELAINE V. STEIN

Cadets 2; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

LILLIAN SVENDSEN

Class Play Usher 4, Ticket Committee 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Sextet 4; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1; Latin Club 3; Homecoming Queen 2; FHA 2, 3, Secretary 3; Broadcasting Council Copy Committee 3, 4; Atodnem Finance, Maintenance & Typing 4

JACK TRUCKENBROD

FFA 1, 2, President 2, Vice President 1; Baseball 1; Football 2, 3, Varsity 3; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

CURTISS VAN ETEN

President 1, Class Play 3, 4, Property Committee 4, Stage Committee 3; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Football 1, 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Hi-Light Staff 4; Broadcasting Council Sales Committee 3; Atodnem Finance & Copy 4

MARILEE WAGNER

Class Play 3, Usher 4; GAA 2; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance, Copy, Service & Maintenance 4; D. O. Club 4, Secretary Treasurer 4

MARJORIE JEAN WHITMORE

Class Play Usher 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4

JIM WITTMAN

Chicago Vocational High School 1, 2; Class Play Stage Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

LOIS WIXOM

Class Play Usher 3; GAA 1, 2, 3; Prom Committee 3; Cadets 1, 2; FHA 1, 2; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

ALAN WOOD

LaSalle Peru High School 1; Basketball 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4; Track 2, 3, 4, Varsity 2, 3, 4; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4

DON WORSLEY

Vice President 4; Football 2, 3, 4, Varsity 3, 4, Co-Captain 4; Track 1; Prom Committee 3; Atodnem Finance 4; D. O. Club 4

DOROTHY ZIMMERMAN

Class Play Ticket Committee 3, Publicity & Program 4; Atodnem Finance & Typing 4



BACK ROW: L. Eicharn, M. Glaser, J. Auchstetter, G. Larsan, E. Eichorn, D. Mameny, L. Buettner, P. Rath,
M. Schwemlein
SECOND ROW: M. Jahnsan, E. Sallitt, M. Spanier, N. Cattan, B. Spanier, D. Goubeaux, Mrs. Elsesser
FIRST ROW: L. Edwards, P. Martin, T. Auchstetter, F. Delhotal

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careers chosen by members of*

BACK ROW: D. Bauer, F. Ethridge, N. Bauer, G. Glaser, D. Hitchins, R. Klinefelter, G. Faate, G. Ehlers, E.
Jaeger
THIRD ROW: J. Pierce, R. Geil, J. Langbein, E. Schweiger, D. Baird, A. Rad, B. Dewey, W. Meyer, R.
Andersan, N. Inman
SECOND ROW: D. Rad, B. Jaeger, D. Waller, B. McLaughlin, D. Ward, L. Truckenbrad, C. Sandgeroth,
R. Gillette, D. McConville, R. Mantavan
SEATED: Mr. Marris, D. Bialas, M. Haelzer, K. Piller, G. Hachstatter; not pictured: J. Dinges, M. Jacksan



*"G*OWARD NEW HORIZONS," the motto of the Future Homemakers of America, expresses their plan of meetings. Each monthly get-together is planned to further one phase of homemaking.

Last summer Norma Cotton was sent to camp at Lake Bloomington to learn the ideas of FHA members from the entire state. A formal initiation of officers was held in October to which the girls' mothers were invited. One of the ideals of the FHA, service to the community and world, was carried out by doing such things as: caroling to shut-ins at Christmas; buying a

Christmas box for a foreign girl; making hospital tray favors; collecting bundles for the Save the Children Federation.

In October three girls attended the district convention in Tonica. Mendota was guest at a joint meeting in LaMoille where much interesting information was learned about the customs of the English people.

FHA OFFICERS

President	Norma Cotton
Vice President	Marilyn Spanier
Secretary	Evelyn Sollitt
Treasurer	Bernice Spanier
Reporter	Mary Lou Johnson
Scrapbook Chr.	Donna Goubeaux
Advisor	Mrs. Elsesser
Chapter Mother	Mrs. Roth



BACK ROW: G. Hochstatter, N. Cotton, M. Hoelzer, D. Bialas,
E. Sollitt, M. Johnson, B. Spanier, D. Goubeaux.
SEATED IN FRONT: K. Piller, M. Spanier.

the FHA and FFA

*G*HE FUTURE FARMERS of American believe in "learning to do, doing to learn, earning to live, and living to serve." Their primary aim is the development of agricultural leadership, cooperation, and citizenship.

Marlin Hoelzer, the president, was presented with a plaque signifying the first place award Mendota won in the 1948-49 Section II Soil Conservation Contest. The chapter also entered a parliamentary procedure contest in which they won third place.

In December a father-son banquet was held by the FFA to which they invited their

dads. At other regularly scheduled meetings, the boys played basketball, baseball, or were instructed in better methods of farming.

In April the boys sponsored a donkey basketball game in order to raise funds for chapter needs.

FFA OFFICERS

President	Marlin Hoelzer
Vice President	Kenneth Piller
Secretary	Don Bialas
Treasurer	Gregory Hochstatter
Reporter	Jon Dinges
Sentinel	Melvin Jackson
Advisor	Mr. Morris

TO THE BOYS who have chosen farming as their life work vocational agriculture is a most practical and rewarding course — as an examination of last year's achievements will show.

Keith Sterchi's name was engraved on a plaque presented by the DeKalb Agricultural Association as the outstanding senior agriculture student of 1948-49. A new name is added to this plaque at the end of each year.

The boys spend many hours working on their projects and many show outstanding results. Gregory Hochstatter with 133.6 and Jon Dinges with 133.3 had the highest corn yields per acre. Gregory, Jon, and Don Mahaffey led in pork production. Don and Elman Schwieger had the best dairy projects of the year. James Cogdal's sheep project was the chapter's best. In the beef department, Lyle Truckenbrod captured the Grand Champion heifer and steer awards at Mendota and Ottawa. By the end of the year he had won a watch and nearly \$100 in prize money.

VO-AG

news and views

1. Picnic at lake for FFA and 8th graders.
2. Bruce Dewey's 2 sows and litters.
56 day weight—294
56 day weight—207
3. Donald Mahaffey showing ag boys his herd of 4 Guernseys.
4. Frank Etheridge shown checking his corn project which yielded 108 bu. per acre.
5. Melvin Jackson showing his Holstein heifer at Mazon fair.
6. D. Ehlers and his Shorthorn herd.
7. Picture of Marlin Hoelzer's grass waterway being seeded down.
8. Ag. III class marking off contour lines of L. Joerger farm.
9. Project tour of Jon Dinges' hog project.
10. Delbert Didier standing in a field of rape pasture for his spotted Polands.
11. Donald Baird with his 11 pigs that weighed 396 lbs. at 56 days of age.
12. Kenneth Piller and part of his herd of Angus.



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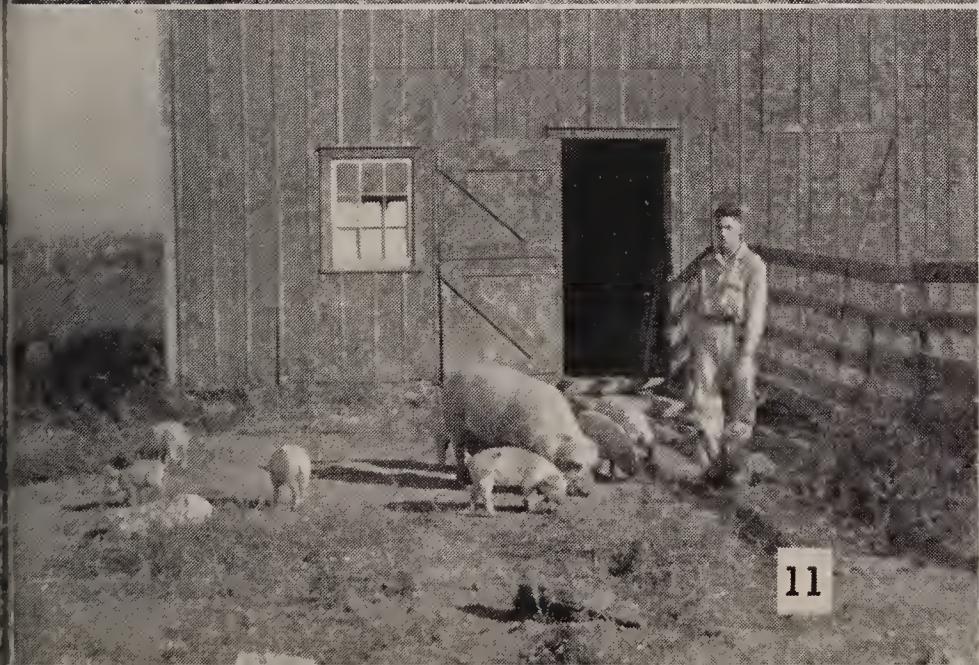
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Many choose SPEECH activities

*E*LEVEN ambitious and enthusiastic students were interested in speech work. On Feb. 11, these contestants journeyed to DeKalb High School to compete in the North Central Conference Speech Tournament. A week before these same students attended a preliminary contest at Calumet City where Mendota did itself proud by taking top honors in several divisions.

Mary Lou Bruckner, Marna Brewbaker, Charlette Jackson and Arlene Rohs were interested in humorous readings. Charlette and Mary Lou were chosen to go to DeKalb where the girls placed 8th and 9th respectively.

Carol Hoffman in "Blind Faith" placed 3rd and Arlene Rohs with "Sky Fodder" won fourth at DeKalb in dramatic readings. Joyce Waller also presented competition.

In verse reading Beverly Preston placed eighth and Beverly Small placed ninth giving the required selections. Beverly Preston in addition to preparing her verse reading worked also on an oration.

Bill Ebbinghaus and Marvin Ehlers entered the field of extemp speaking for their contest work. Bill and Marvin both did themselves proud by taking third and fourth place positions respectively at the DeKalb meet.

Marilee Emerick proudly returned from DeKalb with a fourth place rating in the oratorical declamation field. Marilee was the only one from Mendota in her division competing at DeKalb since the other contestant, Carol Pohl, was ill.

There were two original orators who competed at DeKalb, Roger Dubois who took sixth position giving "Life, Liberty, Equality" and Jane Vogelsang, a freshman, who presented "Equality or Superiority" and placed seventh.

The students placing highest in their division at DeKalb then went to the district contest which was held at Mendota on Feb. 25. At that time Charlette Jackson, Marilee Emerick, Bill Ebbinghaus, and Beverly Preston placed first in their divisions; Carol Hoffman and Roger Dubois won third place positions in theirs.

In the sectional contest which was held at Pontiac two weeks later Charlette received third place rating, Carol fifth, and Roger ran into stiff competition and placed twelfth. Marilee placed second, and Bill outclassed all the rest of the contestants in his group, taking first place honors. This gave both of these students the privilege of going to the state final contest at Champaign. The play, which had been automatically advanced from district, placed sixth among the ten plays given.



THIRD ROW: C. Hoffman, M. Emerick, M. Ehlers, R. DuBois, J. Vogelsang, Eill Ebbinghaus, not pictured
SECOND ROW: J. Waller, B. Preston, B. Small, M. Bruckner, C. Pohl, C. Jackson, A. Rohs, not pictured
SEATED, Cast of contest play, Echo: B. Rave, S. Scherer, D. McConville, J. Coonen, Mr. Pourchot



Miss Swanson, C. Hoffman, Miss Breese, M. Ehlers, B. Ebbinghaus, N. Cummings, J. Finley, N. Blotch, B. Rave. Not pictured: B. Shoemaker, M. Bruck.

The ATODNEM production staff

IT IS often said that cooperation is the keynote of success, and the completion of this annual proves it, for it is teamwork that has produced it from the start. Without the wholehearted cooperation of the various committees, the advisors, and the entire senior class our Atodnem would not have been possible.

The nerve center of the yearbook was the production staff, which was made up of the class officers, the production manager, the editors, the typing chairman, and their respective assistants. This group met daily under the direction of Miss Breese, and, as the various deadlines drew near, often worked until late at night. Working together, the staff planned the general theme and layout of the Atodnem. They met with photographers, binders, en-

gravers, and printers. They made assignments to the other committees and correlated all material as it came in. They individually accepted responsibility for specific tasks and cooperatively helped each other meet the deadlines on these.

The innumerable business details connected with the Atodnem were taken care of by the production manager, Marvin Ehlers, and the assistants, Bill Ebbinghaus and Jim Finley. Their specialized work included such tasks as managing details connected with the group photography, acting as photographer's assistants, budgeting expenses, signing contracts, and making dummies and layout sheets. They handled all Atodnem sales and took charge of the distribution of all copies.



ATODNEM COPY STAFF

THIRD ROW: B. Ebbinghaus, D. Gordon, M. Ehlers, J. Coonen, C. Van Etten, J. Finley
SECOND ROW: M. Wagner, C. Pohl, A. Rohs, K. Piller, E. Bunnell, G. Larson, M. Johnson
SEATED: B. Brown, Miss Breese, N. Blotch, B. Rave, J. Keller, M. Bruck

ATODNEM TYPING STAFF

THIRD ROW: B. Johnson, J. Mershon, D. Zimmerman, L. Botts, M. Johnson
SECOND ROW: M. Whitmore, L. Svendsen, J. Dunn, E. Eichorn, B. Roach, S. Gorman
SEATED: G. Larson, M. Bruck, Miss Swanson, C. Hoffman, E. Stein

The editors, Nancy Blotch and Betty Rave, undertook the task of making assignments to members of the copy committee and then checking and revising all material to fit space and layout. Assisted by the other staff members, they planned layouts and prepared pictures for the engravers; they read proof and pasted the dummy. Nancy Cummings, cut chairman, worked with them and had charge of preparing engraver's dummies and keeping records of all cuts. She was assisted by Betty Shoemaker, who also did art work for the annual.

The copy committee gathered information and statistics and wrote the articles for the yearbook. Without the help of these seniors the job of the editors would have been insurmountable. The staff pays special recognition to sports editor John

Keller, feature writer Curt Van Etten, and to Mary Jane Bruck, Betty Brown, and Carol Pohl who identified all students in the pictures. Mary Jane had charge of senior statistics—a major task in itself.

The typing committee was under the chairmanship of Carol Hoffman. Few people realize the hours of work required in typing, re-typing, checking, and re-checking the vast quantities of material involved. Accuracy is important and perfection was the goal of this hard-working committee.

In order to undertake something of so great a scope as this book, we had to have ample financial backing. This was provided by the loyal efforts of the finance committee composed of the entire senior class and its advisors. This committee was supervised by Jim Finley, senior president,

*Widely
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busy all year



SERVICE COMMITTEE

STANDING: D. Opsal, C. Amfahr, M. Bruck, Chrm.
SEATED: E. Bunnell, M. Wagner, B. Brown, M. Johnson, B. Johnson

MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE

J. Mershon, B. Johnson, S. Gorman, E. Bunnell, L. Svendsen, B. Brown, M. Wagner, Chrm., not pictured

assisted by Don Worsley, vice-president. The job of paying the bills and taking care of all senior funds fell to Betty Shoemaker, secretary-treasurer, who performed her duties under the watchful eye of Miss Swanson. Working as an integral part of the finance committee were the service and maintenance committees. The service committee had the important job of seeing that

there were workers at the stand on all occasions and had to see that the work was divided evenly. No one worked harder at the games than some of the members of the committee themselves. The maintenance committee had the unenviable but very necessary duty of taking care of the equipment and seeing that it was always clean and ready for use.



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J. Keller, Sports Editor; Mrs. Doenier, Advisor; A. Rohs, Editor;
N. Blotch, Assistant Editor

HI-LIGHT has told school news for 25 years

*Y*ES, 1950 marks the 25th year of the Mendota Hi-Light. Since its beginning in 1925, high school students have written about themselves and their school activities to gain better understanding and co-operation among school, parents, and the community. The journalism class supplies material to the Reporter, which publishes it as a part of the weekly paper. Our experiences as fledgling journalists will never be forgotten. Flashback:

Our first issue — we thought we'd never make it the patient guidance of Mrs. Doenier Dale's inimitable verse the day Tom startled us with a "flash" picture too much news, something will have to be cut not enough news, didn't anything else happen? Arlene's swell job as editor our bubbling enthusiasm, precipitating the words we heard most often, "Can't you be quiet for one minute?" Nancy Kettleborough's laugh the standard question, "What's in the dirt column?" our field trips Bones' familiar cry, "How can I do it? I haven't got any study halls" deadlines 30.

TOP ROW: D. Fitzsimmons, D. McConville, C. Hoffman, D. Gordon, C. Prescott, N. Cummings, J. Shanyfelt

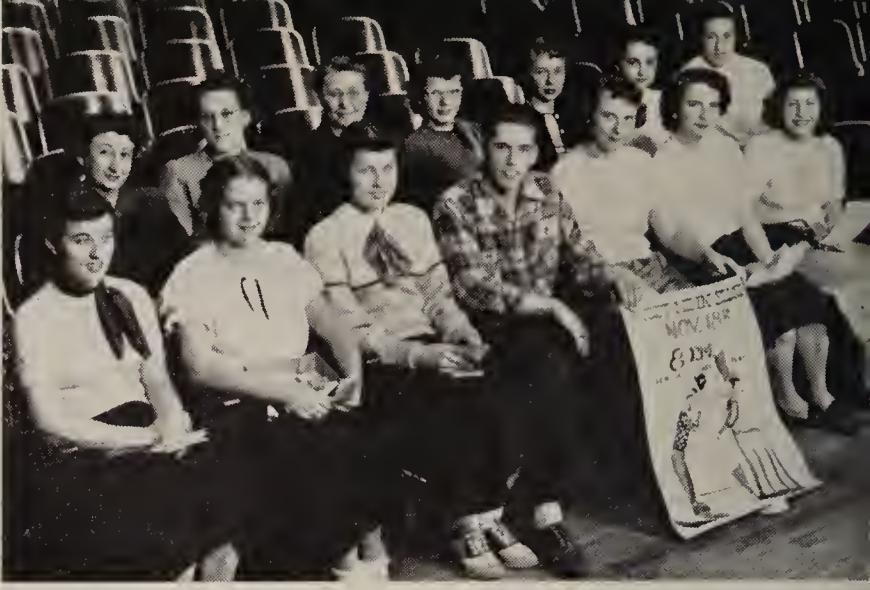
THIRD ROW: B. Brown, K. Piller, W. Engelbrecht, J. Keller, T. Faber, C. Van Etten, B. McConville, L.

Gray, J. King

SECOND ROW: N. Mathesius, N. Kettleborough, E. Bunnell

FIRST ROW: C. Pohl, B. Rave, B. Ebbinghaus, A. Rohs, M. Ehlers, N. Blotch, Mrs. Doenier





TICKET, PROGRAM & PUBLICITY
 SECOND ROW: Miss Breese, Miss Swanson, Miss Brown,
 D. Opsal, E. Bunnell, L. Svendsen, C. Amfahr
 FIRST ROW: B. Johnson, B. Rave, B. Brown, D. Mc-
 Conville, J. Mershon, M. Johnson, P. Martin

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"



CAST OF CHARACTERS

Mr. Smith	Marvin Ehlers
Mrs. Smith	Nancy Cummings
Rose	Carol Pohl
Esther	Carol Hoffman
Agnes	Jeannine Dunn
Tootie	Arlene Rohs
Lon	John Keller
Grandpa Prophater	Charles Prescott
Katie	Nancy Mathesius
Mrs. Waughop	Nancy Kettleborough
Ida Boothby	Mary Jane Bruck
Fred Gregory	Curtiss Van Etten
John Shephard	Tom Faber
Lucille Pentard	Nancy Blotch
Mr. Dodge	Jerry Coonen
Mr. Duffy	Kenneth Piller
Conductor	Roger DuBois

MAKE UP
 STANDING: Mrs. Doenier, B. Brown, D. Opsal, S. Gorman, J. Dunn
 SEATED: C. Hoffman, K. Piller, N. Kettleborough

STAGE CREW
 Mr. Gehler, L. Gray, J. King, J. Keller, B. Buck, C. Hoffman, M. Bruck, J. Shanyfelt, Mr. Wedemeyer

COSTUMES
 N. Cummings, B. Rave, N. Blotch

SEXTET
 L. Svendsen, S. Yost, C. Jackson, C. Truckenbrod, M. Jones, J. Sonntag

USHERS
 C. Amfahr, S. Gorman, P. Martin, B. Shoemaker, B. Johnson, L. Svendsen, M. Wagner, J. Mershon, M. Whitmore, L. Botts, M. Goubeaux



DIRECTOR AND ASSISTANTS
J. King, Stage Manager; B. Bunnell, Prompter; Mr.
Pourchot, Director; B. Rave, Student Director

"MEET ME IN ST. LOUIS"

T WILL BE A long time before the cast and stage crew of "Meet Me In St. Louis" forget their play and the fun they had presenting it. The practices sometimes extended far into the night — at least the nights when the cast didn't know their lines. Though long, the rehearsals were never dull Mr. Pourchot's juggling of three apples while eating one of them Liz and Curt's "Battle of the Sprayer" Roger DuBois' flashy rhymes and jokes the ride home the visit to Mrs. Doenier on halloween all these and more helped to make the time fly.

Play committees really had to function. The costume committee had Mendota going thru attics and closets to find clothes worn at the turn of the century sighs of delight greeted the first act curtain

is both title and byword as the seniors issue invitations to their production of this popular and colorful costume play.

when it opened on the homiest looking set ever seen — some people even said they'd like to live in it.

What will be remembered about "Meet Me In St. Louis"? the antique clock that started chiming seven when it said five-thirty? Ken Piller's twitching mustache? Nancy Kettleborough's violent actions? Arlene Rohs' attack on Jerry's leg? Who knows? But something will be remembered about the play, the seniors hope, by everyone of the capacity crowd who saw it.

SENIOR PLAY CAST
STANDING: N. Mathesius, M. Bruck, J. Keller, C. Hoffman, C. Van Etten, C. Prescott, J. Dunn, C. Pohl, T. Faber, M. Ehlers, A. Rohs, N. Cummings, K. Piller, R. DuBois. SEATED: J. Coonen, N. Blotch



"Barnum and Bailey's Favorite"

The Band's motto this year might well have been "the show must go on" since rehearsals continued in spite of the frequent change of directors. Mr. W. C. Pierce led the band through the football season and all of the fall activities. Mr. Ross Harrington received a double load after Mr. Pierce's resignation, since he served as director of both

BARITONES

D. Preston
J. Finley
J. Rave
J. Wilhelm
M. Jackson

BASSES

B. Dewey
V. Drees

BASSOON

N. Cotton

BATON TWIRLERS

J. Gray
A. Truckenbrod

CORNETS

C. Amfahr
B. Roach
B. Wilhelm
D. L. Rider
G. Poltsch
J. McCormick

ALTO CLARINET

C. Cotton
L. Schlesinger

CLARINETS

D. Kofoed
J. Sonntag
S. Yost
D. Momeny
N. Kaufman
C. Loach

CLARINETS

D. R. Schlesinger
E. Jewell
A. Truckenbrod
D. McLaughlin
D. Olson
D. Gordon

CLARINETS

B. Roach
M. Harvey
T. Auchstetter
M. Larabee
B. Patrick
B. Durham



is our Favorite, too . . . BAND

band and chorus. Returning from Christmas vacation, the band members were greeted by Mr. Ernest Schlick, who was to lead them through the second semester's work. The jobs of performing at basketball games, contest work, and concerts were capably handled by Mr. Schlick.

FLUTES
N. Cummings
B. Rave
J. Vogelsang
M. Bruckner
G. Larson
J. Sonntag
J. Sibigroth

CORNETS
R. Hagerman
C. Smith
K. Killion
H. Oberholz
G. Ehlers
M. Truckenbrod
B. Zimmerlein

FRENCH HORNS
C. Hoffman
N. Blotch
M. Ebbinghaus
B. Schwingle
O. Spenader
D. Ohlinger

BASS CLARINET
E. Sollitt
J. Truckenbrod

DRUMS
D. Mosher
J. Cummings
P. McLaughlin
B. Mathesius
R. Childers
B. LaShonse

ALTO SAX
N. Lucas
C. Roehm
R. Younglove
D. Jordan

TENOR SAX
C. Pohl
S. Radtke
B. McConville

TROMBONES
B. Preston
J. Coonen
R. Childers
P. Heininger
D. Amfahr
S. Spenader
N. Wolfe

OBOE
J. Waller





BOYS QUARTET
J. Finley, J. Klein, R. Elsesser, B. McConville

*As contest time
all one hears*

WOODWIND CONTESTANTS

SECOND ROW: M. Bruckner, L. Schlesinger, N. Cummings, G. Lorson, B. Rove, J. Vogelsong, J. Sonntag
FIRST ROW: E. Sollitt, J. Sonntog, S. Yost, R. Younglove, D. Jordon, J. Truckenbrod, J. Woller

BRASS CONTESTANTS

SECOND ROW: C. Smith, C. Amfahr, J. McCormick, D. Rider, B. Rooth, B. Wilhelm, E. Politisch, V. Drees
FIRST ROW: B. Preston, J. Coonen, D. Preston, J. Finley, J. Rove, R. Childers, P. Heininger



draws near, is "Music, Music, Music"

INSTRUMENTAL

On March 25 the solos and ensembles met at La Salle Peru High School for the district music contest.



BATON TWIRLERS
A. Truckenbrod, J. Gray

FIRST DIVISION

1ST FLUTE TRIO

Nancy Cummings
Betty Rave
Greta Larson

2ND FLUTE TRIO

Jane Vogelsang
Mary Lou Bruckner
Joan Sonntag

1ST TRUMPET TRIO

Carol Amfahr
Dora Lee Rider
Kenny Killion

TROMBONE TRIO

Beverly Preston
Patti Heininger
Jerry Coonen

BARITONE TRIO

DeLores Preston
James Finley
James Rave

SAXOPHONE QUARTET

Nancy Lucas
Carol Roehm
Carol Pohl
Shirley Radtke

BASS CLARINET

Evelyn Sollitt

BARITONE SOLO

DeLores Preston
James Finley

OBOE SOLO

Joyce Waller

SECOND DIVISION

2ND TRUMPET TRIO

Eugene Politsch
Bruce Wilhelm
James McCormick

TRUMPET SOLO

Carol Amfahr

TROMBONE SOLO

Beverly Preston

THIRD DIVISION

PIANO SOLO

Virginia Drees

VOCAL

The vocal solos and ensembles went to contest with the instrumentalists and, also did a fine job. The first division winners from both groups then went to the state music contest at Taylorville on April 28.

FIRST DIVISION

1ST SOPRANO

Beverly Preston

SECOND DIVISION

GIRLS' SEXTET

Joyce Waller
Sue Yost
Charlette Jackson
Carole Truckenbrod
Martha Jones
Janis Sonntag

2ND SOPRANO

Joyce Waller
Carol Roehm

BOYS' QUARTET

Robert McConville
Richard Elsesser
John Klein
James Finley

BOYS' HIGH VOICE

James Finley

1ST SOPRANO

Joan Klein

THIRD DIVISION

BOYS' MEDIUM VOICE

Robert McConville

WINNERS AT STATE

FIRST DIVISION: saxophone quartet; oboe solo (Waller); baritone solo (Preston, Finley)

SECOND DIVISION: 1st flute, 1st trumpet, trombone, and baritone trios; bass clarinet

THIRD DIVISION: 2nd flute trio; 1st soprano (Preston)



Hi Bernie,
Lots of luck next year in
football. I'll be rooting for you.
Well will see what we got
on our chemistry test pretty
soon. Lots of luck kid!
Yours a swell gal.

Gilbert Didier

To Bernie
Lots of fun is
at boy State this
summer, you're a swell
boy and you're fun.
Care going, take
care of lots at next school
year believe me so
give her lots of work!
Good week to you
Almost summer is over
more senior than
than M. Black

School ends with

- CLASS DAY
- FINAL GRADES
- GRADUATION
- SIGNING ATODNEMS

Gilbert E. Gehler
Ind. Arts Instructor

Hi you!
I don't know what
to say except, don't
forget the few we had
the night of the first
haven't been in many
classes with you this
year but I hope to be
in more next year so
you can get me laughing
again. Well any way
feels all the luck is
the world to a swell
Arlene "51"

Bennie forgot any
so it's expenses
of Harry's expenses
of your economics.
Remember those tests
we passed so easily?
good luck "51"
Bruce Wilhelm

Remember good
all economics class
and all the good times
Be good and good luck
in the future!

Bruce Wilhelm

"9" M
remembered
to do my part
to help out
of our
opportunity
and fun
and progress
and success.

Well Bernie, this school year has about come to an end, but for us its just that much closer to next fall and football. I hope you'll be able to share those younger feelings of mine of your Line traits of mine today for next year. Wish a little co-operation were shared really go next fall; so over - dontie "August" hats at French Field.

Bernie:

Best of Luck to a swell guy and athlete. You'll make a swell w. man. You student council. Don't work too hard this summer and take good care of Pat (I know you will) Jane "51"

To one "Best of Luck" in you'll be as swell guy. Hoping were the coming years as you to you, Indiana luck.

Best of Luck Jack

Best of Luck Bernie
in all sports. You
and ten are two of the
best guys a friend

Good Luck Remember if we sent in all we got we might have a football team! Dan Bidas

Best of Luck
to a swell
Lineman

Joe Dugan

Good Luck and
don't let that wild
behavior of yours get
the best of you.

Dear mother
51

Hi Bernie
Kris wishing you the best of luck and I hope that you'll really go next year in football too. You're a swell guy in my book. Marvin Chiles

To Bernie
one of my best
friends I could
ever get even if I wanted
together we were
the same. ^{the} right; see you when
you're home this summer!
Bernie Nelson
Dec 1951

Best of luck to
a nice lad. And take
good care of Pat. your
a good lad
Hector
52 "show game."

Hi Bernie
Well I hope we have
a good football and
team next year and
I hope you do as
good this year as
last. Good luck and
will see you next year
Harry Shuler
"51"

Do a kid that was
a big pest in English.
It didn't go hard though
Probably miss you if
next year. If
you're home this summer!

Good luck
to you and Pat
Andrew Fischer
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Lots of Luck
in basketball next
year Bernie and in
school. Bonnie

Bonnie,
In the future when you get married,
let me know. Then after your wife
wears you out by beating you up
maybe I can take over.
From a little "fresh" man
Jim Dave
"57"

To one of the sweetest
guys I know. Here's
hopin we now them
down in football

"Larry Lau"

Best of luck to
a swell bigger class
man I know you will
be a big success in the
future

Carol Cotton
"65"

But I stuck to a
swell kid. I like
care of you & you a
Wont begin
swell guy

